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TOWN of STRAFFORD

New Hampshire

1996
For the year ending
December 31, 1996



Members of the Strafford Police Department

*Eric Gale, Tom Bibeau, Chief Scott Young, Donald LaLiberte,
Robert Tibbetts, Corey Landry*

(Missing from the picture is Gregory Bisson)

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Gloria Creamer 1995-1998

JoAnn Brown 1996-1999

Lester Huckins 1994-1997

TOWN CLERK

Billye Waldron 1995-1998

TOWN TREASURER

Bertha Huckins 1995-1998

TAX COLLECTOR

Roberta Clark (Appointed) 1997

MODERATOR

Russell C. Shillaber 1996-1998

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Carolyn F. Young 1994-2000

Marilyn Roderick 1996-2002

LIBRARIAN

Kathryn Steward

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lucinda D. Kerivan 1996-1999

Anne O. Smith 1995-1998

Barbara Feldman 1994-1997

ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger 1996-1997

HEALTH OFFICER

Stephen Smith

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR (Emergency Management)

Dan Duffy

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Roger Leighton 1994-1997

Boyen C. Thompson 1996-1999

Justine Leighton 1995-1998

FIRE WARDEN

Glenn Pierce

DEPUTIES

Thomas Stano
Eric Gale

Scott Whitehouse
Mike Richard

John MacDougall
Richard Jenisch

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scott Young - Chief of Police

Robert Tibbetts
Corey Landry

Donald J. Laliberte
Gregory A. Bisson

Tom K. Bibeau
Eric Gale

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

James Barnes

PLANNING BOARD

Edgar Huckins-Chairman 1994-1997

Jack Creamer 1996-1999

David Dupee 1995-1998

Don Rhodes 1996-1999

Lester Huckins 1994-1997

ALTERNATES

Charles Moreno
Roger Leighton

David Whitcher
Robert Houseman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

William G. Lord 1995-1998

Arthur VanBuskirk 1994-1997

James T. McCarty 1994-1997

Stephen Leighton 1992-1998
(Chairman)

ALTERNATES

Gary Knight

George Kitz

Michael Barry

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

James Cullen 1994-1997

Elizabeth Evans 1995-1998

Leslie Dupee 1995-1998

Harmony Anderson 1996-1999

Calvin Schroeder 1994-1997

Lori L. Sommer 1996-1999

JoAnn Brown 1996-1999

RECREATION COMMISSION

Carol Heald

Richard Omand

Joseph Freda

RURAL DISTRICT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Telephone 755-2202

FIRE AND RESCUE

Eric Gale, Jr. - Chief of Department

Dan Duffy - Deputy Chief

Roxanne Gale - Secretary

BOW LAKE STATION

Scott Whitehouse - Captain

Mike Richard - Lieutenant

CENTER STATION

Glenn Pierce - Captain

Loren Pierce - Lieutenant

CROWN POINT STATION

Tom Stano - Captain

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Terry Bickford

Doug Hayes

Terry Bickford, Jr.

Corey Landry

Maura Barry

Dale Perkins

Skip Vogt

Eugene Burrows

Roxanne Gale

Corine Allaire

Elaine Gosselin

Paul Yergeau

Stephanie Baker

Josh Jenisch

Chip Craven

Richard Jenisch

Nancy Penney

Dick Rousseau

Robyn Rowe

Ben Bynum

Eric Stone

TOWN WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Eleventh (11) day of March next, at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

***1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

***2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Land Use Ordinances as proposed in this petition as follows:

1. To amend Section 1.4.1 D by deleting Sub-Section (1) in its entirety.

2. This section 1.4.1 D (1) allows for the creation of sub-standard lots which are located within 350' of the lake. The current paragraph reads as follows: "Building lots having either a Community Water Supply or a Community Sewage System, meeting the approval of the NH Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, and offered for sale within the Town shall contain not less than 15,000 square feet, and the said lots shall have not less than 100 feet frontage nor less than 100 feet from lot line to lot line, provided they are located not more than 350 feet from a Public Lake or a Public Pond as defined in RSA 271, and the entire area of the lot must be within the 350 foot limitation" (by Petition.)

The Planning Board does NOT approve of this article.

***3. "Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Strafford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer

must have a net income of not more than \$15,000. or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000.; and own assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence."

The Selectmen recommend this article.

***NOTE: ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT NO. 1, 2, AND 3 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997 AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.) for capital improvements to the following roads:

- a. Whig Hill - .8 mi. on Sunny Oak Terrace and .4 mile on Whig Hill Rd. (from the intersection of Barberry Lane to intersection of Sunny Oak Terrace) drainage work, gravel, grading and repaving.
- b. Province Road (West) and Northwood Road - appx. 1 mile (extending from intersection with Bow Lake Estates to Kerivan property) paving.
- c. Brown's Pasture Road - appx. .2 mile (from end of existing pavement) gravel and paving.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) for the purpose of clearing and other improvements to land located on Route 202A (Map 37, Lot 13) intended for future location of storage facility for materials used in the care and maintenance of Town roads, and any unexpended balance of this appropriation is to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously created for the purpose of establishing this storage facility.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

6. To see if the Town will vote to re-open the closed portion of Scribner/Cross Road and upgrade it to a class V road (appx. 1 mile from the Dolen Property to the corner of Ridge Farm Road) and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.) for construction.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$79,000.) for the refurbishment and equipment replacement of the pumper fire truck located at the Bow Lake

station, (a 1984 Ford C8000 truck with a 1000 gal/minute pump, 1000 gal. tank) and to make required repairs of a existing oil leak on our tank truck located at the Center station, and to make required repairs to the transmission of the pumper fire truck located at the Crown Point station, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000.) from the capital reserve fund established for this purpose, with the balance of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.) to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$39,600.) for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) for the purpose of making general repairs, installing a biological toilet system, removing the existing oil storage tank, and installing a new one at the Center Strafford Fire Station.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred twenty thousand eight hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$120,879.) for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the future purchase of a Police Vehicle.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.) for the purpose of making improvements to the existing boat access to Bow Lake located on Water Street. (Note: This is a project intended to be done in cooperation with the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association.)

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to be used to defray any unanticipated

legal costs, and/or survey costs incurred in connection with town boundary lines. This is to be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2002.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred two thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$602,827.) for general Town operations.

Executive	\$ 36,687
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,000
Financial Administration	32,500
Revaluation of Property & Tax Maps	7,700
Legal Expenses	7,000
Employee Benefits, FICA, & Unemp. Comp.	33,000
Planning and Zoning	3,000
General Government Building	7,700
Auto Permits	6,000
Insurance	27,000
Advertising and Regional Association	1,800
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues	2,181
Contingency Fund	2,000
Annual CPA Audit	5,500
Ambulance	1,000
Emergency Management	750
Building Inspection	7,000
General Highway Expenses & Town Maintenance	230,000
Street Lighting	2,700
Solid Waste Disposal	116,000
Animal Control	2,500
Health Inspector	300
Rural District Visiting Nurse	4,743
General Assistance and Welfare	11,000
Community Action	1,000
Sexual Assault Support Service	992
My Friend's Place	200
Parks and Recreation	17,275
Library	23,249
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	1,100
Water Test - Bow Lake	200
Conservation Commission	750
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000
TOTAL	\$ 602,827

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of Six hundred two thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven dollars (\$602,827.), exclusive of all the Special Articles addressed.)

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. And further to require that prior to the acceptance of any such gift, valued at over \$5,000., the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance:

NOISE ORDINANCE

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, play, or permit the operation or playing of any radio, television, stereo, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, or similar device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property line or produce sound audible to the unassisted ear across a real property boundary.

Penalty: Upon an apparent violation of this ordinance, the enforcing officer shall give a verbal order to cease or abate the noise immediately or within a specified period of time. If the order is not complied with, the person or persons responsible for the noise shall be subject to a violation, with a fine of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each such violation. Written record of all violations shall be kept by the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

17. "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road approximately an additional three hundred (300) feet of the Webber Road, extending westerly from property of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Waldron to property of Mr. & Mrs. Fay Paugh." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. "To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the processing, storage, and landspreading of wastewater treatment sludge/biosolids produced outside the boundaries of the Town of Strafford including, but not limited to, sewage, paper and pulp mill sludge, whether wet, dry, composted, pelletized, or mixed with other materials, and whether injected into or spread on the land in the Town of Strafford." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen do NOT recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of property taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments as provided by RSA 80:52-a.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Gloria Creamer
JoAnn Brown
Lester Huckins
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest

REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

The New Hampshire State Legislature replaced the existing four local choices of Elderly Exemption with one unified Elderly Exemption Law. Our Article 3 in this year's warrant does increase the existing amounts and according to the new RSA average Social Security benefits are now to be added to the income limits.

One of the areas to be addressed this year is that concerning the land application of septage and sludge. After receiving a request from our Health Officer, and based on the best advice available to us from the Water Protection Assistance Program at the Office of State Planning, we have adopted as a health ordinance the State of New Hampshire Septic and Sludge Management Rules, Chapter Env. Ws 800.

The issuing of house numbers continues to be a problem since the area map has yet to be approved and returned by the State. We are doing all we can to expedite this process---please continue to be patient---it will happen. In the meantime 911 is operational in Strafford.

We are in need of volunteers for several committees, Recreation, Planning Board, and Board of Adjustment. Please consider donating some of your time and become involved with your Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester E. Huckins, Chairman
Gloria G. Creamer
JoAnn Brown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N.H.

Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 31:4)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual	Appropriations
		As Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recom.)
4130 Executive	14	34,950	34,918	36,687
4140 Elec. Reg. & Vit. Stat.				
Auto Permits	14	14,500	14,043	14,000
4150 Fin. Admin. & CPA Audit	14	38,000	35,628	38,000
4152 Rev. of Prop.&Tax Map	14	7,500	6,680	7,700
4153 Legal Expense	14	7,000	6,000	7,000
4155 FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.	14	32,000	27,192	33,000
4191 Planning and Zoning	14	3,000	1,771	3,000
4194 Gen. Gov. Bldg.	14	7,500	6,657	7,700

Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 31:4)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recom.)
4196 Insurance	14	29,000	21,652	27,000
4197 Adver. & Reg. Assoc. & SRPC	14	3,781	3,663	3,981
4199 Contingency Fund	14	2,000	0	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210 Police	10	118,555	108,266	120,879
4215 Ambulance	14	1,000	0	1,000
4220 Fire & Rescue	8	38,600	38,483	39,600
4240 Bldg. Inspection	14	7,000	5,483	7,000
4290 Emergency Mgt.	14	250	0	750
HIGHWAY AND STREETS				
4312 General Highway Exp. & Town Main.	14	230,000	228,216	230,000
4316 Street Lighting	14	2,700	2,489	2,700
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	14	110,000	115,239	116,000
HEALTH				
4414 Health Insp/Animal Cntrl.	14	2,800	1,764	2,800
4415 Rural Distr. Visit. Nurse	14	4,664	4,664	4,743
WELFARE				
4442 Direct Assistance	14	12,500	3,388	11,000
4445 Comm. Actn., Sxul. Assit. Sppt. Serv., My Frien's Pl.	14	2,192	2,192	2,192
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
4520 Parks and Recreation	14	17,275	17,779	17,275
4550 Library	14	20,375	20,364	23,249
4583 Patriotic Purposes	14	1,100	1,039	1,100
4585 Water Test-Bow Lake	14	200	200	200
CONSERVATION				
4611 Conservation Comm.	14	750	750	750
DEBT SERVICE				
4723 Interest on TAN	14	2,000	0	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902 Mach., Veh., & Equip. (Art. 13 (96) PD VCR/Camera	14	1,400	986	0
4903 Building (Art. 11-96 PD Imprvmnts)	14	4,400	4,400	0
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES				
4901 Capital Improv. Rds	4	150,000	149,999	150,000
4901 Clearing/Lnd Impr. Strg. Fac Rd. Mnt.	5	0	0	5,000
4901 Re-open Scribner/Cross Rd.	6	0	0	45,000
4902 Refurb/Equip '84 Ford Pmpr	7	3,500	3,416	79,000*
4909 Ctr. Station Improvements	9	1,400	1,113	3,000
4909 Impr. to Boat Access	12	0	0	6,500

*This Appropriation to be partially offset by CRF Withdrawal up to \$62,000. net of \$17,000. to come from general taxation.

Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 31:4) W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recom.)
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES			
4915 CRF Future Purchase Police Veh. 11	12,000	12,000	7,000
4153 Non-lapsing Legal/Survey 13	0	0	5,000
4915 CRF Rd. Mnt. Strge. Fac.	5,000	5,000	0
4915 CRF Fire Veh/Equip/Refurb./Rpl.	21,500	21,500	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	795,492 950,392	750,406 906,934	1,063,806

Source of Revenue	W.A. No.	Estimated Revenue Prior Year (omit cents)	Actual Revenue Prior Year (omit cents)	Est. Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)
TAXES				
3120 Land Use Change Taxes		5,540	7,750	
3185 Yield Taxes		9,800	8,301	8,000
3190 Int. & Pen. on Delq. Tax		55,200	62,713	60,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES				
3220 Motor Veh. Permit Fees		260,000	301,569	290,000
3230 Building Permits		2,500	4,361	4,000
3290 Other Lic., Perm. & Fees		5,000	5,575	5,000
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
3319 COPS FAST Grant		7,300	0	23,408
FROM STATE				
3351 Shared Revenue		15,539	15,539	15,539
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distri.		25,276	25,276	25,276
3353 Highway Block Grant		71,503	71,503	79,417
3359 Highway Enforcement Grant		1,500	1,519	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401 Income from Departments		5,000	5,900	5,000
3409 Planning Bd./Bd. of Adj.		1,000	2,052	2,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3502 Interest on Investments		30,000	34,395	28,000
3509 Ins. Adj./Refunds./Reimb.		712	11,618	0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3915 Capital Reserve Fund (Art.7)		0	0	62,000*
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
"Surplus" used in Prior Years to Reduce Taxes		128,000	128,000	125,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		623,870	686,071	732,640

*This CRF withdrawal partially offsets Article 7.

Total Appropriations	1,063,806
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Property Taxes	732,640
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	331,166

FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Year January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996

REVENUE FROM TAXES

Property Taxes	4,586,732
Taxes Paid to School District	3,885,186
Land Use Change Taxes	7,440
Yield Taxes	9,845
Interest and Penalties on delinquent taxes	62,713

TOTAL	4,666,730
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LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES

Motor Vehicle permit fees	301,569
Building permits	4,361
Other licenses, permits, and fees	5,575

TOTAL	311,505
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REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shared revenue block grant	89,504
Highway block grant	71,503
Reimbursements/Hwy. Enforcement Grant Burning Permits, Fire Training Reimb ..	1,628

TOTAL	162,635
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REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Income from departments	5,173
Garbage-refuse charges	2,454

TOTAL	7,627
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REVENUES FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

Interest on investments/deposits	34,395
Fines and forfeits	945
Ins. dividends and reimbursements	10,133
Other misc. sources not classified	866

TOTAL	46,339
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES ..	5,194,836
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	289,142
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GRAND TOTAL	5,483,978
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EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual

	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>Equipment & Land Purch.</u>	<u>Construction</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	34,918		
Elc. Reg. Vital stat. Auto Permits ..	14,059		

EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual

	Total Expenditure	Equip. & Land Purch.	Construction
Financial admin. & CPA Audit . . .	35,628		
Reval. of Property & Tax Maps . .	6,680		
Legal Expense	6,000		
FICA, Unemp. Comp. & MEDI. . .	27,192		
Planning and Zoning	1,771		
General government building . . .	6,657		
Insurance not otherwise allocated	21,652		
Adv. & Regional assoc.	3,663		
Discounts, Abat., Refunds & Contingency	10,321		
TOTAL	168,541		
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	108,266		
Fire & Rescue	38,483		
Building inspection	5,483		
TOTAL	152,232		
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
Gen. Hwy. Exp. & Town Mnt. . . .	228,216		149,999
Street lighting	2,489		
TOTAL	230,705		149,999
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	110,230		
TOTAL	110,230		
HEALTH			
Health Inspector	142		
Animal Control	1,622		
Rural District Visiting Nurses . .	4,664		
TOTAL	6,428		
WELFARE			
Direct assistance	3,388		
Comm. Action, Suxl Assault Supt. Srv, My Friend's Pl	2,192		
TOTAL	5,580		
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Parks and Recreation	17,779		
Library	20,364		
Patriotic Purposes	1,039		
Water Test Bow Lake	200		
TOTAL	39,382		

CONSERVATION			
Conservation Comm.	750		
TOTAL	750		
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
*Art. 6 (96), Art. 13 (96)		4,403	
Art. 11 (96) Buildings			4,400
Art. 9 (96) Improvements other than buildings			1,113
TOTAL		4,403	5,513
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
*Trans. to capital reserve funds .		38,500	
TOTAL		38,500	
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
Taxes assessed to county	394,240		
Taxes assessed to school districts	3,885,186		
*Payments to State	1,860		
TOTAL	4,281,286		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			5,193,549
TOTAL FUND EQUITY			300,497
GRAND TOTAL			5,494,046
*4939	Animal Population Control Fees		646
	Dog License Fees		250
	Marriage Fees		760
	Vital Statistics		204
*4915	Art. 11 (96) Future Police Vehicle		12,000
	Art. 4 (96) Rd. Mnt. Storage Facility		5,000
	Art. 7 (96) Repl./Refurb. Fire & Rescue Equip/Veh.		21,500
*4902	Art. 13 (96) Police Dept. VCR/TV/Camera Equip		986
	Art. 6 (96) Water Pumper for Tank Truck		3,416

BALANCE SHEET

	Beginning of year	End of year
ASSETS		
Cash	137,678.00	29,259.00
Investments	1,050,000.00	1,250,000.00
*Taxes Receivable	446,954.00	449,982.00
Tax Liens Receivable	185,938.00	170,272.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,820,570.00	1,899,513.00
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Warrants and Accounts payable		5,010.00

	<u>Beginning of year</u>	<u>End of year</u>
Due to School Districts	1,531,428.00	1,594,006.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,531,428.00	1,599,016.00
FUND EQUITY		
*Reserve for Encumbrances	5,500.00	5,500.00
Reserve for continuing appropriations	5,000.00	5,000.00
Unreserved fund balance	278,642.00	289,997.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	289,142.00	300,497.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1,820,570.00	1,899,513.00
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and improvements	725,200.00	725,200.00
Buildings	1,709,000.00	1,715,100.00
Mach. veh. and equip.	673,626.00	679,388.00
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	3,107,826.00	3,119,688.00

RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

School district liability at beginning year	1,531,428.00
Add School district assessment for current year	3,885,186.00
TOTAL Liability within current year	5,416,614.00
Subtract: Payments made to school district	(3,822,608.00)
School district liability at end of year	1,594,006.00

*2440	1996 Audit	1995	p/o 14
	Repair Dry Hydrants	1994	15
*1080	Have been adjusted by (2,228.) for uncollected accounts		

ALL FUNDS (additional)

Revenue	
Parks and recreation	17,779.00
Expenditure	
Vital Statistics	1,860.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

School District Liability	3,822,608.00
County Tax	394,240.00

SALARIES AND WAGES	181,194.61
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CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

All other funds except employee	
Retirement funds	1,279,258.00

Lester E. Huckins
Gloria G. Creamer
JoAnn Brown

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1996

Purposes of Appropriations	For Use by Town
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	\$ 34,950
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics & Auto Permits	14,500
Financial Administration & CPA Audit	38,000
Revaluation of Property & Tax Maps	7,500
Legal Expense	7,000
Personnel Adm. (FICA, MEDI, UNEMP. COMP.)	32,000
Planning and Zoning	3,000
General Government Building	7,500
Insurance	29,000
Advertising and Regional Associations	1,600
SRPC Dues	2,181
Contingency Fund	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	118,555
Ambulance	1,000
Fire & Rescue	38,600
Building Inspection	7,000
Emergency Management	250
HIGHWAY AND STREETS	
General Highway Expense & Town Maintenance	230,000
Street Lighting	2,700
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	110,000
HEALTH	
Pest Control (Animal Control)	2,500
Health Inspector	300
Rural District Visiting Nurse	4,664
WELFARE	
Direct Assistance	12,500
Community Action	1,000
Sexual Assault Support Services	992
My Friend's Place	200

Purpose of Appropriations	For Use By Town
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Parks and Recreation	\$ 17,275
Library	20,375
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Water Test - Bow Lake	200
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	750
DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on TAN	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Road Improvements	150,000
Mach. Veh., & Equip	** 4,900
Buildings	4,400
Well/Plumbing (Bow Lake Fire Station)	1,400
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
To Capital Reserve Fund	***38,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>950,392</u>

**\$3,500 (500 GPM WTR. Pump), \$1,400 (VCR TV, Camera-PD)

***\$5,000 (RD. MNT. Storge FAC.), \$12000 (Future PD. VEH.), \$21,500
(Rpr./REF. Fire Veh.EQU.)

Revised Estimated Revenues	For Use By Town
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TAXES	
Land Use Change Taxes	5,540
Yield Taxes	9,800
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	55,200
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	260,000
Building Permits	2,500
Other licenses, Permits & Fees	5,000
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	
COPS FAST Grant	7,300

Revised Estimated Revenues	For Use By Town
FROM STATE	
Shared Revenue	40,815
Highway Block Grant	71,503
HWY Enforcement Grants	1,500
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
Income from Departments	5,000
Planning Board/Board of Adjustment	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Interest on Investments	30,000
Ins. Adj./Refunds/Reimbursements	712
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	
Unreserve Fund Balance	278,642
Fund Balance to be Retained	150,642
Fund Balance Remaining to be Used to Reduce Taxes	<u>128,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$623,870
OVERLAY	30,000
TOWN/CITY PORTION	
Appropriations	\$950,392
Less: Revenues	(623,870)
Less: Shared Revenues	(11,491)
Add: Overlay	29,838
War Service Credits	<u>11,700</u>
Net Town Appropriation	356,569
Special Adjustment	0
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	356,569
Municipal Tax Rate	2.19
SCHOOL PORTION	
Due to Local School	3,885,186
Due to Regional School	0
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(32,329)</u>
Net School Appropriation	3,852,857
Special Adjustment	0
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	3,852,857
School(s) Tax Rate	23.66

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	394,240
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(4,869)</u>
Net County Appropriation	389,371
Less: Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>
Approved County Tax Effort	389,371
County Tax Rate	2.39
Combined Tax Rate	28.24

COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Total Property Taxes Assessed	4,598,797
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(11,700)</u>
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	<u>0</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	4,587,097

PROOF OF RATE COMPUTATION

VALUATION	TAX RATE	ASSESSMENT
\$162,846,899	\$28.24	\$4,598,797

1996 BOND REQUIREMENT

Treasurer:	91,000 Tax Collector	87,000
Town Clerk:	32,000 Trustees of Trust Funds	36,000

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION - 1996

ITEM	Acres	1996 Assessed Valuation	Totals
Value of Land Only Current Use	21,055	902,199	
Residential	17,224	64,482,800	
Commercial/Industrial	5.65	71,300	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	38,285		65,456,299
Tax Exempt & Non Taxable (\$1,915,200)			
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY			
Residential		93,898,300	
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		289,100	
Commercial/Industrial		270,800	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS			94,458,200
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$3,949,900)			
PUBLIC WATER UTILITY			9,300
PUBLIC UTILITIES — Electric			3,225,600
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS			163,149,399
Elderly Exemp. RSA 72:39, 72:43-f and 72:43-h number 22		302,500	
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS			302,500
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed			162,846,899

<u>Tax Credits</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Credits</u>
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	700/1400	4	2,800
Other war service credits	50/100	175	8,900
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT			11,700

ELDERLY EXEMPTION COUNT

Number of individuals Applying for an Elderly Exemption for 1996

2 at 5,000	4 at 15,000
8 at 10,000	8 at 20,000

Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for 1996

2 at 5,000	10,000
8 at 10,000	72,500
4 at 15,000	60,000
8 at 20,000	<u>160,000</u>
Total	302,500

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

RECEIPTS:

1996 Motor Vehicle Permits	
3,989 Permits Issued	\$301,569.00
1996 Dog Licenses	
391 Licenses Issued	2,728.50
1996 Marriage Licenses	
20 Licenses Issued	760.00
1996 Filing Fees	
9 Filings Accepted	9.00
1996 Returned Check Fees	
15 Checks Returned	250.00
1996 Dog Control Fines	
1 Fine Accepted	25.00
1996 Vital Statistic Copies	
18 Copies at \$6.00 each	108.00
32 Copies at \$3.00 each	96.00
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TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED	\$305,545.50

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER

3989 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$301,569.00
391 Dog Licenses	2,728.50
20 Marriage Licenses	760.00
9 Filing Fees	9.00
15 Returned Checks	250.00
50 Vital Statistic Copies	204.00
1 Dog Fine	25.00
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TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$305,545.50

Billye M. Waldron
Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Lester Huckins	\$1,999.92
Gloria Creamer	1,999.92
JoAnn Brown	1,999.92
Bertha Huckins	1,999.92
Billye Waldron	1,599.96

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES Cont.

Roberta Siderchuck	5,199.96
M. Justine Leighton	150.00
C. Russell Shillaber	50.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Assistant to Selectmen	\$28,868.34
Deputy Tax Collector	1,300.88
Deputy Town Clerk	3,799.02
Clerical	2,782.76
Office Supplies	1,471.19
Postage	2,720.24
Printing	3,641.75
Conferences/Training	1,923.40
Reference Materials	607.68
Equipment/Maintenance	2,247.34
Tax Collector's Fees/Costs	4,688.00
Deed Research/Tax Lien	743.60
Recording Fees	380.00
Sponsor March Calendar	50.00
Auto Permit Fees	5,976.00
Cleaning and Supplies	600.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1996	\$1,187,677.91	
Receipts	<u>5,417,276.47</u>	
		\$6,604,954.38

Expenditures

Expenditures 1996	5,325,695.77	
Balance Check Book		
December 31, 1996	29,258.61	
Balance Investment Account	<u>1,250,000.00</u>	
		\$6,604,954.38

NH Deposit Investment Pool \$1,250,000.00

FLEET BANK

Con. Com. Acct. #041-007263-1	
Balance December 31, 1995	3,118.40
Withdrew	- 98.00
Deposit	218.80
Interest earned 1996	<u>72.47</u>
	\$3,311.67

FLEET BANK

Con. Com. Neil Moores Memorial	
Account #091-003656-5	
Balance December 31, 1995	1,488.45
Interest Earned 1996	<u>36.50</u>
	\$1,524.95

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Strafford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Strafford as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Strafford's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not know.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Strafford as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for puposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Strafford. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Sincerely,

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C.
Laconia, New Hampshire

February 27, 1996

TOWN MEETING - March 12, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at the Strafford Elementary School in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator Russell Shillaber to act by ballot vote on articles one and two of the 1996 town warrant.

The ballots were cast and the meeting recessed at 7 P.M. for the purpose of tallying the votes. The meeting was brought to order again at 8 P.M. by the moderator.

At this point he announced that the meeting would be conducted according to the "Modified Roberts Rules of Order" and all articles of the warrant would be considered as motions before the meeting and would require no second. The moderator asked for a show of hands of any non voters attending the meeting and when two were acknowledged, he put it to the meeting whether or not they would be allowed to speak. The vote was in the affirmative. He asked that the proponent of each article be allowed to address the article after it is read and that all questions and comments be directed to the chair only. He asked that all successful proponents for election come to the front to be sworn in at the close of the meeting.

Lester Huckins addressed the meeting to introduce the new Police Chief, Scott Young, and new Fire Chief, Eric Gale. A round of applause heard for both the new chiefs and the retiring ones.

He briefly addressed the enhanced 911 numbering system which is presently ongoing in the town. Eventually everybody will get a new address and the Post Office Department has announced that everyone living in Strafford will have a Strafford zip code. The predicted time for enactment of the system is now November, 1996.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Voters on checklist	1,898
Votes Cast	465
Selectman - Three years	
David Bragdon	109
Joanne Brown	340
Library Trustee - Three years	
Carol McCarty	397
Road Agent - One year	
Greg Messenger	409
Trustee of Trust Funds - Three years	
Boyen Thompson	5
Supervisor of the Checklist - Two years	
Nancy Goedecker	1
Supervisor of the Checklist - Six years	
Marilyn Roderick	398
Moderator - Two years	
Russell Shillaber	49

Article 2: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Strafford?" (Submitted by Petition.) (3/5 affirmative vote required for passage).

Yes	170	No	236
Vote negative as 3/5 vote not achieved.			

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.) for capital improvements to the following roads:

- a. Wingate road (approx. .5 mi. extending from Barn Door Gap intersection to Big River at Dyon's Bridge) drainage work and repaving.
- b. Whig Hill Road (approx. 1 mi. extending from intersection with Route 202A to intersection with Barberry Lane) drainage work, gravel grading and repaving.
- c. First Crown Point Road (approx. .5 mi. from end of existing pavement to Gallagher property) widening, drainage work, gravel grading and paving.

Lester addressed the article and after brief discussion, vote was affirmative.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of establishing a storage facility for material used in the care and maintenance of Town roads (i.e. purchase of land, structure).

There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$38,600.) for the operation and maintenance fo the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Eric Gale addressed the question, there was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.) for the installation of a 500 gpm water pump on the Strafford Fire Departments' Tank truck (25T1).

Eric Gale addressed the article and after lengthy discussion vote was affirmative.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$21,500.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the future repair and replacement of fire and rescue vehicles and/or equipment.

No one addressed the motion and Kurt Whuelper made a motion to amend the dollar amount to \$25,000, and a second was heard. After lengthy discussion on the motion to amend, the vote was a counted vote with 83 yes and 92 no. The motion did not carry, and discussion on the motion as read was called for. There was no discussion and the vote on the article as read was in the affirmative.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the committee established by Article 7 voted at the 1995 Town Meeting to review the existing buildings and property in use by the Fire Department and make recommendations on steps to be taken to provide sanitary facilities, running water for cleaning and disinfecting fire and ambulance equipment, for compliance with State and Federal Regulations.

The vote to hear the report was in the affirmative. Eric Gale as Chairman of the committee consisting of Lester Huckins, Arthur Vanbuskirk, Gary Knight, Eric Gale, Mike Richard, Loren Pierce, and Dan Duffy reported that the committee met on February 15, 1996 and after reviewing the existing stations, they recommend a three year plan for improving the stations.

Year One; Bow Lake Station (Article 9)

Add well, sink and accessories, hot water heater.

Year two; Center Station

Replace the fuel storage tank and add a restroom.

Year three; Crown Point Station

Raise the building by approx. 2 feet, add 10' addition to the rear of the building and replace the two garage doors with one single door.

There was no discussion on the report and the committee was thanked for their efforts.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.) for the purpose of installing a well, pump, sink and associated plumbing at the Bow Lake Fire Station.

There was no discussion and the vote was affirmative.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred eighteen thousand five hundred fifty-five dollars (\$118,555.) for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Police Chief, Scott Young addressed the question as to how the funds are to be uses.

Michael Harrington made a motion to amend the amount to ninety thousand (\$90,000.), and Scott Young was allowed to address the amendment. Mr. Harrington also addressed his amendment concerning the percentage increase in this department. At this point a second was heard and debate on the amendment was lengthy. A motion to move the question was heard, a second received, and the vote to move the question was in the affirmative.

Vote on motion to amend was negative. Debate on the motion as read was lengthy and heated. A motion to move the question was heard and a second received. The vote to move was in the affirmative. The vote on article as read was affirmative.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to

RSA 35 for the future purchase of a Police Vehicle and raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.) to be placed in this fund.

Lester Huckins addressed the article. There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,925.) for the purposes of repairing the roof on the main section of the Police Station, insulation of the garage and driveway improvements (incl. gravel, grading, drainage work and handicap parking space).

Lester Huckins addressed the question and made a motion to amend it to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.) for the purposes of repairing the roof on the main section of the Police Station, insulation of the garage and driveway improvements (incl. gravel, grading, drainage work and handicap parking space), and other building improvements and repairs.

After lengthy discussion on the amended motion, a motion to move the question was heard. A. second received and the vote to move was affirmative.

Again, lengthy debate ensued on the article as amended. A motion to move was heard, a second received and the vote to move the question was affirmative.

The vote on the article as amended was affirmative.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.) for the purchase of a video recorder, VCR, television and camera equipment for crime scene investigation and documentation.

Chief Young addressed the article and when opened for debate a motion to amend the amount to six hundred dollars (\$600.) to be used for a camcorder only was heard, but no second received so debate returned to article as read.

There was a motion to move the question and a second was heard. The vote was affirmative.

Vote on motion as read was affirmative.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ninety-four thousand thirty-seven dollars (\$594,037.) for general Town operations.

Executive	\$ 34,950.
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,800.
Financial Administration	32,500.
Revaluation of Property & Tax Maps	7,500.
Legal Expenses	7,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA & Unemp. Comp.	32,000.
Planning and Zoning	3,000.
General Government Building	7,500.
Auto Permits	5,700.
Insurance	29,000.
Advertising and Regional Association	1,600.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues	2,181.
Contingency Fund	2,000.
Annual CPA Audit	5,500.
Ambulance	1,000.
Emergency Management	250.
Building Inspection	7,000.
General Highway Expenses & Town Maint.	230,000.
Street Lighting	2,700.
Solid Waste Disposal	110,000.
Animal Control	2,500.
Health Inspector	300.

Rural District Visiting Nurse	4,664.
General Assistance and Welfare	12,500.
Community Action	1,000.
Sexual Assault Support Service	992.
My Friend's Place	200.
Parks and Recreation	17,275.
Library	20,375.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works	1,100.
Water Test - Bow Lake	200.
Conservation Commission	750.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.
TOTAL	\$594,037.

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of Five hundred ninety-four thousand thirty-seven dollars (\$594,037.), exclusive of all the Special Articles addressed.)

The Selectmen addressed this article and Michael Harrington made a motion to amend the bottom line to read \$592,845 by deleting the SASS and MFP lines from the budget. A second was heard and after discussion, the vote on the motion to amend was negative. Yet another motion to amend the total amount to Five hundred seventy-eight thousand two hundred seventy-eight (\$578,278.) with the selectmen being given discretion to cut where necessary. A second was heard, and after lengthy debate, vote on the amendment was negative.

Debate resumed on article as read until a motion to move the question was heard, a second received and vote to move affirmative.

Vote on the article as read was in the affirmative.

At this point, a motion was made to limit reconsideration of any article previously addressed at this meeting by Jack Dolan. A second was heard and the vote was affirmative.

Article 15: "To see if the town will vote to accept as a public road the street known as "Pioneer Lane" in the Pioneer Shores subdivision located off Brown's Pasture Road. Pioneer Lane was built to town specifications and has been well maintained. Any repairs deemed necessary to bring the road up to the original standard, will be born by the property owners on Pioneer Lane and approved by the road agent." (by Petition.)

Charlie Law addressed the question and made a motion to amend the article to read: "To see if the town will vote to accept as a public road "Lake Shore Drive" previously known as "Pioneer Lane" located off Brown Pasture Road. Lake Shore Drive was built to town specifications and has been well maintained.

Any repairs deemed necessary by the road agent to bring the road up to the original standard, including the use of crushed gravel as a top base, will be borne by the property owners on Lake Shore Drive."

After discussion, vote on the motion to amend was in the affirmative.

Discussion resumed, a motion to move the question was heard and the vote to move was affirmative.

Vote on Article as amended was affirmative.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote "...to extend the paving on the First Crown Point Road for one mile - estimated cost \$120,000.00" (by Petition.)

Proponents of this article addressed the safety conditions of the road as to the reason for the request. After lengthy debate a motion to move the question was heard, a second received and the vote was affirmative.

Vote on the article as read was negative.

Article 17: "Subject: Article 35 Town Meeting 1987

The following roads were designated as scenic roads.

PARSON HILL ROAD Parson Road, Old Swain Road being a road running from its northerly intersection of Route 126 thence running southerly to its end at the intersection of the Evans Mountain Road.

WILLEY POND ROAD, being a road running from the intersection of the Parson Hill Road on the west to its easterly terminus at Willey Pond.

EVANS MOUNTAIN ROAD, being a road running from Barnstead/Strafford town line as its westerly end, and being near the terminus of Bow Lake Road thence running easterly over Evans Mountain Road to Bow Lake at its easterly terminus.

We the undersigned residents petition the Town of Strafford to rescind the vote on the scenic roads at the town meeting" (by Petition.)

Lester addressed the article as did proponents for and against the rescission.

After lengthy discussion on the legality of the article, motion to table the article was heard by Eric Rowe and a second received. The vote to table was in the affirmative and the moderator declared the article indefinitely postponed.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of property taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments as provided by RSA 80:52-a.

Lester Huckins addressed the article. There was no discussion and vote affirmative.

A motion was heard at this point to limit reconsideration of all articles previously considered at this meeting, a second was heard. There was no debate and vote was affirmative.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19, with such authority to accept trusts to continue indefinitely, until rescinded.

There was no discussion and vote affirmative.

Article 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

There being none, a motion to adjourn was heard, a second received and the moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 P.M.

Elected officials JoAnn Brown, Greg Messenger, Marilyn Roderick, Russell Shillaber, Dorothy Bickford and Jack Dolan were duly sworn into office by the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Billye M. Waldron
Strafford Town Clerk

A True copy of Record, Attest:

Billye M. Waldron
Strafford Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>1996</u>	<u>Levis of 1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	—DR.—		
Uncollected Taxes -			
Beginning of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes		446,928.24	
Land Use Change		1,994.24	
Yield Taxes		260.18	
Taxes Committed this Year			
Property Taxes	4,586,732.00		
Land Use Change	7,440.00		
Yield Taxes	9,844.55		
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	1,588.00	4,677.97*	
Adj.-overpayments25	
Interest Collected on			
Delinquent Tax	5,098.69	12,905.16	
Collected Tax Penalties	75.00	1,166.00	
Total Debits	4,610,778.24	467,932.04	
	—CR.—		
Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	4,134,466.76	270,758.95	
Land Use Change	7,440.00	310.00	
Yield Taxes	8,040.91	260.18	
Interest	5,098.69	12,905.16	
Penalties	75.00	1,166.00	
Conversion to Lein		177,811.51	
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	5,131.00	3,036.00	
Uncollected Taxes			
End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	448,722.24		
Land Use Change		1,684.24	
Yield Taxes	1,803.64		
Total Credits	4,610,778.24	467,932.04	

*Overpayment refunded after Tax Lien see next page

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES / TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	—DR.— Last Year's Levy 1995	1994	Prior Levies 1993	1992
Balance of Unredeemed Liens				
Beginning of Fiscal Year		126,125.62	58,881.21	931.09
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	194,725.02			
Interest & Costs Collected		17,595.85	21,257.48	
after Lien Execution	4,614.47			
Overpayment Refunded after Tax Lien	64.06*			
Total Debits	199,403.55	143,721.47	80,138.69	931.09
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Remittance To Treasurer:				
Redemptions	76,257.62	78,817.63	55,380.01	
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	4,614.47	17,595.85	21,257.48	
Unredeemed Liens				
Bal. End of Year	118,531.46	47,307.99	3,501.20	931.09
Total Credits	199,403.55	143,721.47	80,138.69	931.09

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1996

Scott L. Young
Chief of Police

Police Officers

Robert Tibbetts, Full Time
Corey Landry, Part Time
Eric Gale, Part Time

Don Laliberte, Part Time
Greg Bisson, Part Time
Thomas Bibeau, Part Time

Secretary
Suzanne Zielfelder

Below are some of the calls for service received by the Strafford Police Department.

Accidents	47	911 Calls	40
M/V Summons Issued	134	M/V Warnings	492
Alarms	46	DWI Arrests	13
Misdemeanor Arrests	39	Felony Arrests	14
Motor Vehicle Complaints	104	Mutual Aid	36
Crimes Against Persons	29	Burglaries	31
Criminal Mischiefs	122		

For the Police Department in 1996, we experienced a leveling off of calls for service from 1995. However we did experience an increase in crimes against persons (assault and sexual assaults) and crimes against property (criminal mischief, burglaries.) These types of cases require a more in-depth investigation, thus more man-hours per call. Overall we were very pleased with our efforts to close cases successfully and bring the responsible parties to justice. As we got into the spring and summer months we realized that on certain shifts, we had to prioritize our calls for service as only one officer was on duty at a time and calls tended to get backed up. At times people had to wait for an officer to respond if the officer was tied up, sometimes longer than we would prefer. We understand that when a citizen calls for assistance, it is because it is important to them. We pledge to respond to any and all calls as quickly as possible.

In an effort to improve our level of services to the public, we started to have two patrol cars on the road during the busy holidays and summer weekends. We were able to solicit grants to be credited to the budget from non-property tax sources. During 1996 we received grant monies to provide the town with 100 hours of extra patrol. These funds were

received from the NH Highway Safety Agency. This extra patrol proved to be very succesful, and we will be applying for more during the summer of 1997.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Strafford for the support that you have given me during the first year as your Chief of Police. Strafford is a very special town, and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott L. Young
Chief of Police

**TOWN OF STRAFFORD 1996 ANNUAL REPORT OF
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

	No. of Complaints
January	5
February	5
March	10
April	11
May	10
June	7
July	14
August	8
September	9
October	11
November	8
December	15
Total Calls	<hr/> 113

HILL LIBRARY
Annual Report for 1996
 Telephone: 664-2800

Library Hours

WINTER

Nov. 1 - April 30
 Tues. 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
 Wed. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUMMER

May 1 - Oct. 31
 Tues. 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.
 Wed. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

INVENTORY

Books owned by the Library as of January 1, 1996 . . .	13,450
Books purchased in 1996	242
Books donated in 1996	250
Books lost or discarded	30
Books owned (total) as of December 31, 1996	13,912
Magazine Subscriptions (gifts)	6
(Amicus Journal, Smithsonian, Forest Notes, Farm Journal, Reader's Digest)	
Magazine subscriptions (purchased)	10
(Consumer Reports, Bon Appetit, Better Homes & Gardens, National Geographic Traveler, Crafts & Things, Cooking Light Country, Country Woman and Bottom Line)	
Used magazines donated	200
Audio tapes	105
Videos owned	183

CIRCULATION

Total books circulated	11,117
(Fiction - 2969; Non-fiction - 1683; Children - 6465)	
Magazines	176
Audio Tapes	189
Videos	1468

Kathryn Steward
 Librarian

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1996

(Bank of NH Checking Account)

Receipts:	
Beginning balance, January 1, 1996	\$1,501.76
Town appropriation	12,525.00
Book Sales	
Strafford Cookbook, Strafford Gleanings	57.00
Transfers froms	
Computer Fund Account	\$900.00
Bernice Omand, Cilley DAR contributions	955.00
Fidelity Investments (Warren Dow Foss)	500.00
Subtotal	2,355.00
Other (fines, copier fees, refunds)	163.87
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$16,602.63</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Books	\$4,264.95
Subscriptions	270.94
Audio/visual media	101.15
Telephone	595.86
Heat (LP Gas)	2,058.98
Electricity	861.72
Custodial	490.00
Supplies	
Stationery	725.16
Copier	95.95
Equipment - Capital Expense	
Computer cataloguing/circulation	
software; backup drive	1,456.23
Equipment - Repair & Maint.	
Copier supplies	62.50
Front door replacement, ceiling lights	570.73
Copier replacement fund	300.00
RALI (Library Assciation) dues	150.00
Miscellaneous (postage, box rent, etc.)	153.84
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$12,158.01</u>
Salaries	
Librarian/Librarian Aide	8,364.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$20,522.26</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1996	
Bank of NH checking account	3,286.14
Checks & deposits outstanding	623.37
Cash on hand (fines)	10.12
Subtotal	<u>\$3,919.63</u>
BALANCE	<u>\$16,602.63</u>

Bank of NH Computer Account

Receipts:	
Beginning Balance in account on, January 1, 1996	\$544.52
Transfers from Checking Account	
Receipts of Berince Omand Memorials	<u>975.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,519.52</u>
Disbursements	
Book Shelving	599.00
Computer software upgrade	<u>900.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$1,499.00</u>
Balance on hand in account, December 31, 1996	<u>\$20.52</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$1,519.52</u>

Fidelity Investment Account

Receipts:	
Balance from 1 January 1996	2,382.54
Dividends received	99.92
Transfers from checking account	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$2,782.46</u>
Disbursements	
Transfers to Bank of NH checking account	1,150.00
Brokerage fee	<u>12.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>1,162.00</u>
Balance on hand 31 December 1996	<u>1,620.46</u>
Ending Balance	<u>2,782.46</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill F. Steward, Treas.

1996 REPORT OF THE HILL LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The operation of The Hill Library is made possible by librarian Kassie Steward, aide Georgean Hopwood, custodian Sheila Rainey and the following volunteer librarians: Carol McCarty, Betty Rooney, Marjorie Stiles, Anne Smith, Anne Huckins, Carol Wood, Carol Cooper, Myra Hodges, Marilyn Walker, Charlotte Berry and Jack Penney. Volunteer coordinator for 1996 was Carol McCarty, who was replaced by Carol Wood. Computer volunteers are Merrill Steward, Lynn Chrystowski and Carol Wood. The trustees wish to thank all the volunteers for their many hours of unpaid help. They, plus our faithful library staff, make library operations possible.

Many contributions were received in memory of Bernice Omand. Additional shelving units were purchased with these gifts and these have been labeled with her name as a memorial. Also during the year a very substantial contribution has been made by Herb and Anne Cilley towards the addition of new library space for housing their extensive collection of ornithological publications which they propose to give to the library. The Strafford Library Association wishes to express its appreciation for this gift.

This has been a year of consolidation in getting the library catalog, patron list and circulation operations on the computer. The library is part of the state library system and is able to borrow library materials from other NH libraries, as well as lend materials in return. Public access is still not possible as our computer is at present dedicated to library functions, but it is hoped we will have public access terminals in the future.

Library safety and personnel security are continuing concerns. Updating and broadening the collection are also necessary parts of making the Hill Library a library for Strafford citizens to be proud of.

The trustees wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Strafford citizens for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne O. Smith
Barbara Feldman
Carol McCarty
Trustees

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of Trust Funds are responsible for the trust funds and the capital reserve funds assigned to them. They must invest funds assigned to them in accordance with State and Town regulations, and they must be accountable for the funds at all times.

The accompanying statistical Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Strafford 1996 shows the status of the capital reserve funds and trust funds including receipts and expenditures during the year 1996.

In the Town of Strafford, the Trustees are responsible for the perpetual care of the individual grave sites or entire family cemeteries for which Town Trust Funds have been established.

The low interest rate on insured investments, plus the small dollar amount of the older cemetery trust funds makes it impossible to keep some of the grave sites and cemeteries in a desirable conditions. This is especially true when the cemetery is vandalized. The old Critchett cemetery on Whig Hill is an example of a vandalized cemetery. Many of the old gravestones have been damage beyond repair.

The Directors of the Blue Hills in the past two years have established cemetery trust funds for the seven known cemeteries located on the Foundation's land. The Lovejoy family established a perpetual care fund for the old Foye cemetery on Wingate Hill where a veteran of the war of 1812 is buried.

The Trustees want to thank those volunteers who gave of their time keeping our cemeteries in fine shape. We, especially, would like to thank John Hall who restored the Hosea Hawkins cemetery after vandals had broken the stones.

M. Justine Leighton
Boyen Thompson
Roger S. Leighton

FUNDS FOR CEMETERY AND PERPETUAL CARE - INVESTED IN CD'S AND CHECKING ACCOUNT

TOTAL 1996 INTEREST \$1,268.81

NAME OF TRUST	%	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE BEG OF YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENSES DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
BABB, JOHN	0.80%	100.00	348.47	10.15	0.00	358.62	458.62
BROWN, ALBERT (HALL)	0.40%	50.00	50.20	5.08	6.00	49.28	99.28
BROWN, ALBERT (CRITC)	0.40%	50.00	64.40	5.08	6.00	63.48	113.48
CASWELL-DEARBORN	3.10%	400.00	692.84	39.33	120.85	611.32	1,011.32
CAVERLY, ABBIE	0.80%	100.00	513.00	10.15	0.00	523.15	623.15
CAVERLY, REV JOHN	3.70%	465.00	549.24	46.95	65.13	531.06	996.06
CLARK, JOHN	0.80%	100.00	649.70	10.15	0.00	659.85	759.85
COOPER, LILLIAN FOSS	1.50%	200.00	320.38	19.03	0.00	339.41	539.41
FOSS, BENJAMIN	3.10%	400.00	6.06	39.33	0.00	45.39	445.39
FOSS, HERBERT	1.50%	200.00	552.51	19.03	0.00	571.54	771.54
FOSS, ROBERT	0.80%	100.00	332.04	10.15	18.26	323.93	423.93
FOYE-PERKINS	3.10%	400.00	6.05	39.33	23.14	22.24	422.24
FOYE (WINGATE FARM)	3.10%	400.00	0.00	39.33	39.00	0.33	400.33
GARFIELD, ELIZA	1.20%	150.00	657.78	15.23	0.00	673.01	823.01
HAM, LLEWELYN	1.50%	200.00	661.61	19.03	17.14	663.50	863.50
HARTWELL, ELIZABETH	0.80%	100.00	388.89	10.15	0.00	399.04	499.04
HAWKINS, BETSEY	0.80%	100.00	22.62	10.15	14.74	18.03	118.03
HAYES, PAUL	0.40%	50.00	54.91	5.08	0.00	59.99	109.99
HOLMES, ELLA	0.80%	100.00	205.53	10.15	18.26	197.42	297.42
HOSEA BERRY CEM.	4.70%	600.00	0.00	59.63	23.14	36.49	636.49
HOWARD CEM	6.30%	800.00	12.20	79.94	0.00	92.14	892.14
JENNESS, JOHN	1.50%	200.00	406.02	19.03	17.14	407.91	607.91
JENNESS, SAMUEL	1.50%	200.00	590.63	19.03	0.00	609.66	809.66
JENNESS, SAMUEL	1.50%	200.00	233.40	19.03	0.00	252.43	452.43
JEWELL, JOHN W.	0.80%	100.00	357.91	10.15	0.00	368.06	468.06
LEIGHTON, WINKLEY	2.00%	250.00	708.31	25.38	0.00	733.69	983.69
LOUGEE (EDGERLY RD)	3.10%	400.00	6.06	39.33	23.14	422.25	983.69
OTIS-DREW	7.80%	1,000.00	0.00	98.97	65.14	33.83	1,033.83
PERKINS, NANCY	0.80%	100.00	464.80	10.15	0.00	474.95	574.95
PERKINS, PAUL	1.40%	175.00	704.96	17.76	0.00	722.72	897.72
SAXTON, HELEN FOSS	7.80%	1,000.00	632.47	98.97	57.76	673.68	1,673.68

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

SEAVEY, ABBIE	0.80%	100.00	22.62	10.15	14.74	18.03	118.03
SMITH, D.W.	0.80%	100.00	22.62	10.15	14.74	18.03	118.03
STANTON, FRED	1.50%	200.00	584.99	19.03	41.14	562.88	762.88
SWAIN, ANNIE & GRAY	1.50%	200.00	561.15	19.03	29.14	551.04	751.04
TOBIAS DREW CEM	7.80%	1,000.00	0.00	98.97	23.14	75.83	1,075.83
WAIN, MARY J.	3.20%	400.00	592.67	40.60	71.13	562.14	962.14
WALDRON, JOHN	0.80%	100.00	377.53	10.15	0.00	387.68	487.68
WALDRON, CASWELL	0.80%	100.00	359.32	10.15	40.28	329.19	429.19
WALKER, JAMES	0.80%	100.00	22.62	10.15	14.74	18.03	118.03
WATERHOUSE, ELLA	1.50%	200.00	66.71	19.03	28.35	57.39	257.39
WEBSTER, TUTTLE	3.00%	375.00	932.21	38.06	11.14	959.13	1,334.13
WELCH, BETSEY	1.50%	200.00	645.91	19.03	23.14	641.80	841.80
SLOPER ROAD	0.40%	50.00	75.26	5.08	6.00	74.34	124.34
ROUNDING	0.00%	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.09	0.09
SUBTOTAL	92.20%	\$11,815.00	\$14,456.68	\$1,169.84	\$832.52	\$14,794.00	\$26,609.00
YOUNG, LAVINIA EDUC	7.80%	1,000.00	3,477.84	98.97	0.00	3,576.81	4,576.81
TOTAL	100.00%	\$12,815.00	\$17,934.52	\$1,268.81	\$832.52	\$18,370.81	\$31,185.81

NAME OF TRUST	%	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE BEG OF YEAR	BALANCE DURING YEAR	EXPENSES DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
THEODORE STORER	100.00%	11,500.00	19,812.89	1,623.61	0.00	21,436.50	32,936.50
TOTAL	100.00%	11,500.00	19,812.89	1,623.61	0.00	21,436.50	32,936.50

STRAFFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The regular meetings of the Society are held on the 4th Tuesday of January, March, July, September and November with the Annual Meeting the 4th Tuesday of May. For meeting places and special meetings check the "Monthly Strafford Community Calendar".

The structural damage to Austin Hall and its well housing was repaired. Restoration at the Waldron Store continued and the labor and monetary contributions were very much appreciated.

Sixty-five people packed the Waldron store for the third annual meeting with the Barrington Historical Society. At our May annual meeting it was suggested that we encourage people to research the date their house was built, and those houses that predate 1900 should have the date put over the front door or a place visible from the highway or driveway.

Our summer road tour was to Snackerty. Stops included Barn Door Gap, the William Sanders homestead, Edgerly Falls, the John Holmes homestead and cemetery and the McCrillis homestead.

In January, we learned about genealogy research from Ann Chaplin. In September we considered having a genealogy committee to answer the many questions received pertaining to early inhabitation of Strafford. At the November meeting, we learned from speaker, Mr. Jeff Durrell, about the hard life of a man in the Colonial Militia. We also learned the origin of several common sayings, e.g. "flash in the pan", "kit and caboodle", and "lock, stock, and barrel".

The Society is in good financial shape. Thank you to the many SHS members and *friends* who: 1. Have donated money and securities to the society so that we can maintain Austin Hall and continue to restore Waldron Store and 2. Have helped sell the *History of Strafford, Revised edition* and other Strafford Historical Society merchandise.

Roger S. Leighton
John Young
Jo Laird
John Bozak

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT 1996

The Board of Adjustment has held five public hearings for the consideration of applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances of the Town. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman

Receipts 1996

Application Fees	\$ 645.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 645.00

Expenditures 1996

Postage	\$ 124.32
Foster's Daily Democrat (Public Notices)	120.08
Secretarial	<u>395.50</u>
Total	\$ 639.90

RURAL DISTRICT VNA, Inc. REPORT

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, (VNA) Inc. continues as a private, non-profit home health agency certified by Medicare and licensed by the state in home health and hospice and licensed as a community clinic. Rural District VNA is accredited with Commendation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This recognition signifies exemplary performance in meeting national standards, and attests to the commitment Rural District VNA has to cost effective, quality care. This Accreditation goes hand-in-hand with our Mission to provide high quality, compassionate, cost effective, home health, hospice and community health care services on an intermittent basis to all ages within our service area.

1996 has presented many new and some consistent challenges. The need for home care continues to grow, while reimbursement for services in as diverse as the number of payors. There are threats or promises to change, "health care reform" but essentially reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid remained unchanged, although the number utilizing Medicaid has sharply increased. Competition for the insured patient continues to increase from multiple directions, including increasing numbers of hospital affiliated agencies and for profit chains. Under managed care insurances are paying less and limiting the number of visits.

Rural District VNA's Board has looked very thoroughly at our options as an Agency and at our service area. It is the belief of our Board that it is in the best interests of the communities and people we serve to remain as an independent Agency, that actively seeks to network and affiliate to strengthen our position and ability to serve. Rural District VNA serves nine rural communities with residents choosing any one of seven or eight local hospitals to access in-patient care, we are working toward strengthening our relationships with these hospitals. We are continuing as a member of the Coalition of Strafford County Agencies, the Rural Home Health Network and the Home Care Association of New Hampshire.

Your town contributions are essential to meeting the many health needs in your community. Our commitment to all residents regardless of their insurance coverage reinforces the need for on going community support. As competition increases for the insured client referral please keep in mind **you have a right to choose, ask for Rural District VNA by name.** We are proud to be meeting your home health care needs since 1969 and are looking forward to working for you in the future.

Visit Statistics 1996		Board of Directors Representatives
Nursing	503	Leslie Dupee
Home Health Aide	800	Ann F. Huckins
Physical Therapy	91	
Occupational Therapy	17	
Medical Social Worker	12	
Speech Therapy	7	
Homemaker Hours	8	Respectfully submitted,
Influenza Shots (in home)	3	Linda Hotchkiss RN, MHSA
Influenza Shots (Clinics)	19	Executive Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF STRAFFORD FIRE AND RESCUE

I must say that my first full year as Chief of the Strafford Fire & Rescue has been very successful. During this past year, there has been many accomplishments that have strengthened our department greatly. Accomplishments such as combined training between all members of the department, and promoting a less stressful environment to work in, has improved the team spirit and enthusiasm of the department. This year has grown from 21 to 28, *all volunteer* members. Not counting the time spent at emergencies or time keeping our equipment in proper working condition, these members have put in a combined total of 800 hours of training. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member for their continued dedication to the department.

This year the department is asking for your support in refurbishing one of our pumper fire trucks. **Why refurbishing and not replacing?** A complete and thorough inspection was completed of the truck in question, and it was determined that the chassis of the truck, (i.e. cab, frame, motor, transmission) are in good working condition. With all of this information, we feel that it would be appropriate to replace only the body and plumbing on the truck, saving the town over **\$45,000**. The truck that needs repair is a pumper, (Engine # 3) located at the Bow Lake Fire station. This truck is a 1984 Ford FMC pumper with a 1000 gallon tank and a 1000 gallon per minute pump. This truck has an extensive rust problem on the body and tank. In addition to the refurbishment of this truck, we are asking for capital repairs to be made to two other pieces of apparatus to extend their service life to our community. The estimated amount to make these repairs is \$79,000. In order to accomplish the task of refurbishing the truck and making the necessary capital repairs to the others, we will need to withdraw the funds in our capital reserve account

(approximately \$62,000) with the balance of approximately \$17,000 to be raised from general taxation. This year we will not ask for any money to be placed into a capital reserve account. (Normally we ask for \$20-\$25,000 to be placed into a capital reserve account). After this refurbishing job has been completed, (Engine # 3) this truck will be able to serve the community for a minimum of another 15 years.

This past year the department held a very successful spaghetti dinner. The town support to our fund-raiser was outstanding, thank you!! During the dinner we planned on serving around 300 people. To our surprise, by the end of the night, we served close to 450 people. Our goal was to raise enough money to pay for an unexpected repair to our tanker truck. During this night we raised over two-thirds of the necessary money. Once again, thank you to everybody who participated in some way to make this event a success. The department is looking forward to conducting similar events this year.

During the past year, the total number of emergencies that we have responded to has increased slightly. (188 to 193) I feel that through the departments ongoing fire prevention activities, we have made a difference to help keep the number of emergencies to a minimum. I am looking forward to serving the town for another year as chief. And as always, you may call me at any time if you would like to have an inspection completed or just have a question. (664-2164)

The Strafford Fire and Rescue Department responded to the following emergencies during 1996.

1996 CALL SUMMARY

Brush/Grass Fires	11	Service Calls	5
Carbon Monoxide detectors	7	Oil Burner Malfuction	2
Chimney Fires	6	Oven/Stove Problem	3
Electrical Fires	2	Motor Vehicle Accident	21
Smoke Investigation	2	Mutual Aid	13
Vehicle Fires	3	Fire Alarms	14
Fire related Misc	2	Medical Emergencies	91
Good Intent calls	4		
Wires Down	7	Total	193

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Gale, Jr. *Chief*

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR 1996

The summer of 1996 was a happy and productive one at Bow Lake Beach. 213 children attended swimming lessons. Income from the lessons, turned back to the town was \$1,657.00. This summer we had two swim instructors, one working 5 hrs/day weekdays and one, 6 hrs/day. While this was appreciated by the public, it did not prove to be economically realistic. Next summer we will return to the practice of one fulltime instructor (7 hrs/day, weekdays). The pre-swimming classes will be taught by a certified lifeguard/WSI approximately 2 hours a day. The Red Cross expenses for this program totaled \$444.00.

The lifeguards did a fine job of keeping the beach safe. This was particularly difficult during a two week period that the dam could not be used because of high water. There were two guards "on" during weekdays, and three, weekends. \$109.73 was spent on upgrading rescue and instructional equipment as per the Red Cross. Also, all employees were provided with a "GUARD" shirt so they would be easily recognized by the public. An additional \$76.80 was spent on supplies.

A junior guard came in for 3 hours a day (weekdays) to watch the water while the guards had lunches. This is a good opportunity for young lifeguards who need experience. We will continue this program, but will expand it to 4 hrs/day so one guard can teach for 2 hours a morning.

The beach was very busy most sunny days. Over 170 residents requested and received their free beach passes to use the beach regularly. Nonresident passes brought in \$385.00 in income. The gatekeepers did an excellent job of overseeing the patron population. Together with the lifeguards and swim instructors they helped provide Strafford residents with a safe and enjoyable recreation area. Total salaries for the summer were \$15,531.25. Additional funds spent were \$27.00 for the State Water Test and \$589.76 General Maintenance.

As to the dam: Although the State would prefer that the dam was not used at all, it recognizes its traditional use as a diving/jumping platform. The State therefore expects us to install some sort of safety device across the dam opening, to prevent swimmers from slipping into dangerous area. We have several ideas regarding this problem, but as yet no solution. The Recreation Commission would be happy to receive ideas from residents on how to accomplish this task.

Thank you

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

An unusually heavy snow fall and a very wet summer took their toll on the roads and the budget in 1996.

Regular maintenance consisted of roadside mowing, patching and drainage work, as well as gravel and grading of the dirt roads.

Several sections of road saw improvement this year. Included in these were the following; widening, drainage, and paving a 5 mile of the First Crown Point Road improvements and paving to a .5 mile of the Wingate Rd., drainage and gravel and paving to one mile of the Whig Hill Rd., paving to .8 mile on Sloper Rd., paving of Kendall Ln.; and drainage work and gravel to a section of Barn Door Gap Road.

Greg Messenger,
Road Agent

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES — 1996

Arborcare Tree Service	\$ 160.00
R.W. Tasker & Son	1,360.00
Bronnenberg Log Trucking	12,060.00
Leighton Logging	2,350.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	<u>148,022.00</u>
Sub Total	163,952.00

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Supplies	\$294.00
Blasting	1,000.00
Equipment/Maintenance	4,938.84
Gravel	4,817.63
Sand	6,334.48
Salt	7,145.88
Cold Patch	2,102.67
Paving Asphalt	31,394.72
Street Signs/Posts	457.00
Culverts	<u>5,778.62</u>
Sub Total	64,263.84

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$228,215.84

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

87R4. WINTER PARKING - Pursuant to RSA 265:70, the following parking

regulation will be established.

a. There will be no parking on all town roads so as to impede snow removal.

Any violations of the above will be subject to a fine of \$5.00 per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265:69 and RSA 265:70.

87R5. SNOW OBSTRUCTION - Pursuant to RSA 249:23, the following snow obstruction regulations will be established:

a. Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said road for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said roads.

Any violation of the above will be subjected to a fine up to \$100.00, pursuant to RSA 249:23.

RECYCLING REPORT

Your cooperation is requested again. During the month of May new stickers will be issued to all residents. Proof of residence will be required to obtain the permits--i.e., tax bill, driver license, or a rent receipt. They will be available for three (3) weekends during the regular hours, Saturday 9 AM until 12 Noon and Sunday 9 AM until 12 Noon. After the initial distribution, additional stickers will be available during regular hours at the Town Office for a charge of \$1.00 each.

In an attempt to keep the cost of operating the Recycling Center as low as possible, some consideration is being given to the use of a "PAY PER BAG" program using plastic bags. Surrounding towns are using this method and it is proving to be cost effective and convenient for all concerned. More information will be forthcoming on this proposal. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

REVENUES RECEIVED 1996

Stickers	\$173.00
Tires	566.00
White Metal	1,125.00
Recycling Income	589.75
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	\$2,453.75

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 1996

There were again few applications for subdivision during 1996, although there was a noticeable increase in the number of applications towards the end of the year, as the real estate markets picked up. We also received several applications for boundary adjustment, and two requests for voluntary merger of continuous parcels as allowed under a new state statute.

We are also reviewing two applications for Non-Residential Site Plan Review and/or Multi-Family Use. We would like to remind Strafford residents that if you plan on opening a new business in your home, or are considering the commercial use of your property, you should contact the Planning Board. Non-Residential Site Plan Review may be needed for your project.

Finally, we remind you that public participation is welcomed at all meetings.

Edgar W. Huckins, Chairman

Receipts 1996

Application Fees	\$ 1,130.00
Books (Town Zoning Ordinances and Regulations)	150.00
Miscellaneous	<u>126.86</u>
Total	\$ 1,406.86

Expenditures 1996

Postage	\$ 205.44
Supplies	12.40
Advertising (Foster's Daily Democrat)	76.86
Printing (Town Zoning Ordinances and Regulations)	35.10
Miscellaneous	3.00
Secretarial	<u>798.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,130.80

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building was fairly steady throughout the year, although at a slower pace than last year. I'd like to personally thank all those residents for their cooperation during the past year.

If there are any questions about our town regulations please do not hesitate to call.

Stephen Haynes Smith

MONTH	NEW HOMES	REMODELING	GARAGE SHED BARN	DOCK DECK	SEPTIC	REMODEL ADDITIONS
January			1			1
February	1					1
March	2					
April			1	1	1	
May	2		3	1	1	1
June	1	2	1	2	2	4
July		3	2	3		2
August	1		1			2
September	1	2	1			1
October			5			
November	1		2			1
December	1	1	1			2
Total	10	8	18	7	4	15

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

This year the Strafford Conservation Commission's plans for increasing the educational use of our Town Forest properties are finally beginning to come together. During the past year, the Commission co-sponsored Project Learning Tree at the Strafford School. 35 teachers, interns, and aides at the Strafford School attended the one-day seminar designed to assist teachers in integrating environmental studies into the curriculum and to help teachers design educational projects to take advantage of the Town Forest properties. The Commission is also pleased to announce that the 3/4 mile educational trail linking the Strafford School and the Town Forest is nearly completed. This project, sponsored by the Commission and the Strafford School sixth grade will provide a walking corridor linking the school to the Town Forest. Intended for use only by the school students, the trail will allow increased educational use of Strafford's wonderful natural resources. We would like to express our deepest thanks to George Thorne, Davis Clark, Lester Huckins, and Jack Penney, who have all granted permission for this trail to cross their properties. With the aid of a grant from the American Forestry Foundation, the group that sponsors Project Learning Tree, we were able to purchase paint and signs for marking the trail. The trees along the route have been pruned and about half of the trail has been marked. The rest of the project will be completed this spring. Trail maps will be printed once the trail is complete. Fourth grade students will develop a trail guide for use by students in the younger grades. These guides will be available to all, and

writing a current up to date trail guide will be an annual project for the fourth grades. In addition the Commission also sponsored a map and compass program with Mrs. Tanguay's seventh grade class. Eventually each grade will have projects that include the Town Forest, which is now easily accessible from the school by the new educational trail.

Please remember that copies of the trail maps for the Town Forest/Weidman Lot, Edgerly Lot and Storer Lot trails are available at the Town Office. We again urge the people of Strafford to make use of our many Town properties for recreation. If you are not sure how to locate the various properties, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Commission or the Strafford Town Office.

As part of our educational work we again sponsored a student to summer conservation camp. Jacob Bronnenberg attended the 4-H conservation camp held at Bear Brook State Park. It has been several years since we have had this opportunity and we were delighted to find a student this year who was interested in the program. We would encourage students who might be interested in conservation camp to get in touch with us!

Members of the Strafford Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 23 were at work doing trail maintenance in the Town Forest and on the Storer Lot again this year. The Cub Scout den brushed out the first part of the trail by the Memorial Plaque and began repainting the trail markers, while the Boy Scouts cleared around the birch trees and stacked wood. We thank them for their help in keeping our trail system open and in good shape. As we have for several years, we again sincerely thank George Kitz, who continues his great help to us by mowing the lower meadow around the Memorial Plaque and Town Forest parking area.

The Strafford Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen has continued to meet with representatives of the State of New Hampshire Public Water Access Advisory Board. The state is concerned with the lack of public facilities for public access to Bow Lake and continues to look at various options to improve public access. For the moment the Advisory Board has suggested that the Town must improve the small boat launching area along Water Street as a temporary measure. However a long term solution to the congestion on Water Street and an alternative public access area will have to be found.

On a happier note we have been working with the Bear Paw Regional Greenways Committee. The Greenways is a volunteer effort to put

together large contiguous areas of land that are either protected or managed for wildlife connecting Pawtuckaway to the Bear Brook area. As a neighbor to Northwood, midway along the route, Strafford is maintaining a connection to the project. As a result, the project has now expanded to include a northward extension running from Northwood around Bow Lake through Stafford's protected lands along Parker Mountain, Mack Mountain and up to Blue Job in Farmington.

Our Commission reviewed six applications and conducted several on-site reviews for projects including dredge and fill in wetlands. We continue to review all of the applications submitted for work in wetlands areas forwarding our recommendations to the NH Wetlands Bureau. We continue to urge anyone planning a project involving work in wetlands or on the shoreline of Bow Lake to meet with us to discuss the project in advance of completing your applications.

This fall the Commission was pleased to have been selected to sponsor a natural resources project in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources at UNH. Students in Natural Resources 775 conducted a Natural Resources Inventory of the Mohawk River watershed area, focusing particularly on a corridor along the river between the Scribner Cross Road and the Route 202A bridge. The Mohawk, an upper tributary of the Isinglass is one of our best quality water sources and up to now this area has yet to be significantly developed. The final report will be submitted this spring and will be available for review at the Strafford Town Offices. We expect that this should prove to be a useful planning tool for the Town.

Finally, the Strafford Conservation Commission has purchased copies of the USGS topographical maps for Strafford and we have also purchased a set of the new 1992 aerial photographs of the Town. These items are all available for use at the Strafford Town Offices and should be helpful to anyone working on a dredge and fill application, working on stewardship plans, or to anyone who is just plain curious about how Strafford looks from the air.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Evans, Chairman
Harmony Anderson, JoAnn Brown
J.B. Cullen, Leslie Dupee, Cal Schroeder, Lori Summer

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression cost.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 Fire Statistics (Cost Shared)

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	6	Smoking	5
Carroll	7	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	4
Grafton	12	Railroad	2
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	1
Merrimack	14	Lightning	2
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	5	OHRV	1
Sullivan	6	Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL FIRES	107		

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”

Lee A. Gardner, *Forest Ranger*
Glenn D. Pierce, *Forest Fire Warden*

STRAFFORD

SCHOOL

DISTRICT

REPORTS

1996

OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

1996-1997

SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chairman Term Expires 1997
Mr. Stephen Leighton Term Expires 1998
Dr. Alfred Olson Term Expires 1999

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

George S. Reid, Ed. D.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Lynn Martin, Ph.D.

PRINCIPAL

Richard A. Jenisch, M.A.

TREASURER

Sandra Pierce

CLERK

Carrolle Popovich

MODERATOR

John Dolan

AUDITOR

Mason & Rich, P.A.

SCHOOL WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 5th day of March, 1997, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the School District will vote to increase the Strafford School Board from three (3) members to five (5) members, said new members to be elected at the 1998 school elections for a two (2) year term and a three (3) year term.

The School Board recommends this article.

3. To see if the School District will vote to establish a kindergarten program for the 1997-1998 school year, and further to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-six thousand, eight hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$76,877) as the cost to fund this program. (by Petition.)

The School Board does NOT recommend this article.

4. To see if the School district will vote to raise and appropriate as a supplemental appropriation a sum of money not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000) and further, to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the capital reserve fund as the funding source, for the removal of specified concrete blocks from a support wall of the school in order to have them tested to determine the cause of continuing wall deterioration.

The School Board recommends this article.

5. To see if the School District will vote to establish a planning committee to consider the withdrawal from its School Administrative Unit pursuant to RSA Chapter 194-C, and if approved, to authorize the committee to incorporate existing studies, plans, and proposals regarding reorganization of the School Administrative Unit as prepared by the prior SAU Study Committees.

The School Board recommends this article.

6. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be used in conjunction with five thousand dollars (\$5,000) raised and appropriated by the Strafford Friends of Recreation in a joint project to enhance the soccer and baseball programs at Strafford School. The project will consist of constructing a new soccer field on the southwest side of the Strafford School, and resurfacing the lower baseball field which includes loaming the outfield and new stonedust for the infield. (by Petition.)

The School Board recommends this article.

7. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to purchase library computer equipment.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

8. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the undesignated fund balance as of 30 June 1997. Said sum of money to be deposited in the School District Capital Reserve Fund entitled: Capital Improvements/New Construction for the School District, in accord with the Provisions of RSA Ch. 35.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

9. To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

10. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

11. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 5th day of February 1997.

Bruce Patrick, Chairman
R. Stephen Leighton
Alfred Olson
School Board

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said district on the 11th day of March, 1997, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing two years.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 8th day of January 1997

Bruce Patrick
Stephen Leighton
Dr. Alfred Olson
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:
Bruce Patrick
Stephen Leighton
Dr. Alfred Olson
School Board

FOOD SERVICES DEPT 2560 St. Sch
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 1996

Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100-Cash/ckbk	6,388.37
Total Current Assets	<u>6,388.37</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>6,388.37</u></u>
 Liabilities & Equity	
Current Liabilities	
420 Accounts Payable	
OPEN/Other	421.25
Total Current Liabilities	<u>421.25</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>421.25</u></u>
 Equity	
3900 Retained Earnings	20,793.09
Net Income	<u>-14,825.97</u>
Total Equity	<u>5,967.12</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u><u>6,388.37</u></u>

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Revenues		
District Assessment	\$3,692,726	
Intergovernmental	244,180	\$39,431
Charges for Services	1,143	71,312
Miscellaneous	<u>41,702</u>	<u>407</u>
Total Revenues	<u><u>3,979,751</u></u>	<u><u>111,150</u></u>

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
Expenditures		
Instruction	\$2,798,338	
Support Services	174,523	
Instructional Staff	45,190	
General Administration	159,918	
School Administrative Unit	100,355	
School Board	15,968	
Business Services	516,494	
Food Service		\$114,033
Other	1,000	
Debt Service: Principal	85,000	
Interest	54,889	
Total Expenditures	<u>3,951,675</u>	<u>114,033</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues		
Over Expenditures	28,076	(2,883)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>73,024</u>	<u>16,316</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	101,100	13,433

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOOD SERVICE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996**

Revenues		
Intergovernmental		
Federal and State Reimbursement:		
Child Nutrition		\$30,128
USDA Commodities		<u>9,303</u>
Total Intergovernmental		39,431
Charges for Services		
Food Services Sales		71,139
Other Local Revenue		<u>173</u>
Total Charges for Services		71,312

Miscellaneous	
Earnings on Investments	\$407
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$111,150</u>
Expenditures	
Food Service	104,730
USDA Commodities Received	9,303
Total Expenditures	<u>114,033</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures .	(2,883)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>16,316</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u><u>13,433</u></u>

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 1995-1996

Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of	
December 31, 1996	\$48,355.08

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DETAILED EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996

1100	REGULAR EDUCATION	
	Payroll expenses	997,299.88
	Payroll Taxes	78,489.58
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	119,127.21
310	Contracted Services	1,500.00
440	Repairs & Main.	877.52
561	Tuition - Other Public Sch.	62,224.28
563	Tuition - Coe-Brown	1,035,637.48
610-2	Art Supplies	896.80
610-5	Lang. Arts-Reading Sup.	0.00
610-8	Health - P.E. Supplies	132.99
610-11	Math Supplies	3,526.01
610-12	Music Supplies	457.40
610-13	Science Supplies	354.95
610-15	Social Studies Supplies	0.00
610-18-1	Consumable Supplies	1,701.13
610-18-2	General Supplies	612.86
610-18-3	A.V. Supplies	3,663.03
610-24	Testing Supplies	1,049.40
610-25	Computer Supplies	943.56
630-1	Textbooks	1,061.30
630-2	Workbooks	1,681.25
630-3	Supplemental Books	872.74
630-4	Reference Books	0.00
640	Periodicals	26.92
741.1	New Equipment	223.86
741.2	Computer Tech. Equipment	19,752.32
742	Replace Equipment	0.00
751	New Furniture	99.99
752	Replace. Furniture	0.00
810	Dues & Fees	1,017.97

TOTAL REG. ED. PROGRAMS	2,333,230.43
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1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION	
	Payroll Expenses	154,116.35
	Payroll Taxes	11,625.83
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	28,579.13
123	Tutors	3,668.98
440	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
561	Tuition-Other Public Sch.	51,407.95
563	Tuition-Coe-Brown	121,815.93
565	Tuition-Non-Public Sch.	89,930.07

610-18-2	General Supplies	349.44
610-24	Testing Supplies	762.00
610-25	Computer Supplies	258.90
630-1	Textbooks	0.00
630-2	Workbooks	39.00
630-3	Supplemental Textbooks	150.06
630-4	Reference Books	20.00
741.1	New Equipment	3,253.95
742	Replace Equipment	0.00

TOTAL SPEC. ED. PROGRAMS	465,977.59
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1400	CO-CURRICULAR	
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	Payroll Expenses	7,100.00
	Payroll Taxes	380.61
310	Special Events	860.00
390	Umps - Refs	1,060.00
440	Repairs - Maintenance	0.00
610-8	Athletic Supplies	648.49
610-18	Co-curricula supplies	594.65
610-20	Enrichment supplies	120.10
810	Dues & Fees	600.00

TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR	11,363.85
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2120	GUIDANCE	
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	Payroll Expenses	46,136.72
	Payroll Taxes	3,069.63
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	6,012.57
310	Cont. Serv. - Testing	250.99
610	Supplies	39.00
630	Books	39.00

TOTAL GUIDANCE	55,547.91
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2130	HEALTH SERVICES	
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	Payroll Expenses	22,063.02
	Payroll Taxes	1,687.85
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	2,879.12
310-2	Staff Physicals	0.00
310-3	Contracted Services	86.00
440	Repairs & Maintenance	168.30
580	Travel	0.00
610	Supplies	234.50
741.1	New Equipment	2,083.99

TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	29,202.78
2140 SPEC. CONT. SERV.	
310-1 SLC Membership	5,472.47
310-2 Contracted OT	24,360.81
310-4 Pre-school Diag. Unit	11,808.44
TOTAL SPEC. CONT. SERV.	41,641.72
2150 SPEECH SERVICES	
Payroll Expenses	37,356.00
Payroll Taxes	2,760.43
Payroll/Employee Benefits	5,917.34
610 Supplies	0.00
741.1 New Equipment	0.00
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	46,033.77
2210 IMPROV. OF INST.	
112-1 Curriculum Development	507.95
270-1 Tuition Reimbursement	10,633.00
270-2 Tuition - Support Staff	357.00
320-1 In-Service Training	2,064.00
320-2 Staff Dev. Wkshps.	2,897.00
320-3 Workshops - Support Staff	2,017.76
320-4 Staff Development Stipend	600.00
630 Professional Books	509.89
TOTAL IMPROV. OF INST.	19,586.60
2220 LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA	
Payroll Expenses	12,771.36
Payroll Taxes	1,053.65
Payroll/Employee Benefits	1,455.38
310 Contr. Serv. - Educ. T.V.	753.75
610-18-2 General Supplies	256.95
610-18-3 A.V. Supplies	838.72
610-26 Computer Software	4,478.74
630 Library Books	2,333.69
640 Periodicals	1,195.22
741 New Equipment	0.00
742 Replace Equipment	465.73
TOTAL LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA	25,603.19
2310 SCHOOL BOARD	
Payroll Expenses	4,450.35

	Payroll Taxes	340.41
310	Audit	2,200.00
390	Attorney & Negotiator	2,517.60
540	Advertising-Legal Notices	1,671.86
590	Other Expenses	2,236.69
810	Dues & Fees - SBA	2,871.42
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD		16,288.33
2320	S.A.U. #44	
	Expenses - SAU	100,355.18
TOTAL S.A.U. #44		100,355.18
2410	PRINCIPAL	
	Payroll Expenses	119,319.90
	Payroll Taxes	9,345.01
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	13,041.86
440	Repairs & Maintenance	1,711.00
531	Telephone	4,796.56
532	Postage	443.60
550	Printing	1,562.83
580	Travel	194.03
610-18-2	Supplies & Forms	1,671.76
610-25	Comp. Soft. Supplies	0.00
741	New Equipment	0.00
742	Replace Equipment	5,198.90
810	Dues & Fees	963.00
890	Graduation Expenses	1,669.98
TOTAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE EXP.		159,918.43
2520	BOOKKEEPER	
	Payroll Expenses	18,538.65
	Payroll Taxes	1,494.86
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	1,930.93
310	Contracted Services	1,657.38
532	Postage	318.82
580	Travel	116.48
610	Supplies	895.50
TOTAL BOOKKEEPER EXP.		24,952.62
2540	OPERATION OF PLANT	
	Payroll Expenses	70,733.87
	Payroll Taxes	5,270.74
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	13,161.96

310-1	Rubbish Removal	3,569.46
310-3	Septic Tank-Main.	1,025.00
310-4	Fire Alarm Ser.	863.45
310-5	Clock & Bell Ser.	632.48
310-6	Water Testing	1,165.00
310-7	Laundry & Dry Cleaning	0.00
310-9	B-Ball Equipment	4,064.00
440	Repairs & Maintenance	2,545.00
440-2	Rep. & Main. - Heating	2,886.24
440-3	Rep. & Main. - Equipment	620.63
440-4	Rep. & Main. - Furn. & Fix.	157.29
440-5	Rep. & Main. - Grounds	3,074.38
440-6	Rep. & Main. - Building	14,426.82
520	Insurance	13,750.00
580	Travel	96.20
610-1	General Supplies	1,400.68
610-2	Glass Supplies	0.00
610-3	Lumber Supplies	52.24
610-4	Hardware Supplies	864.87
610-5	Electrical Supplies	60.00
652	Electricity	29,029.32
653	Fuel Oil	13,633.13
657	Propane Gas	4,920.81
741.1	New Equipment	744.00
742	Replace - Equipment	2,865.00
TOTAL OPERATION OF PLANT		191,612.57
2550	TRANSPORTATION	
513-1	Elementary	172,175.60
513-3	Athletic	1,316.68
513-4	High School	792.00
513-5	Special Education	100,450.66
513-6	Field Trip	766.70
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION		275,501.64
2560	FOOD SERVICE	
	Payroll Expenses	41,839.81
	Payroll Taxes	3,200.93
	Payroll/Employee Benefits	2,671.55
214.1	Worker's Compensation	2,672.05
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE		50,384.34
2900	INS., COMP.,RET.	
214-1	Worker's Compensation	13,114.24

214-2	Unemployment Comp.	0.00
890	Other*	0.00
TOTAL INS. , COMP., RET.		13,114.24
5100	DEBT SERVICE	
830	Payment of Principal	85,000.00
840	Payment of Interest	54,888.75
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		139,888.75
5250	CAPITAL RESERVE	
810	Dues & Fees	10,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE		10,000.00
BUDGET SUMMARY:		
1100	REGULAR EDUCATION	2,333,230.43
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION	465,977.59
1400	CO-CURRICULAR	11,363.85
2120	GUIDANCE	55,547.91
2130	HEALTH SERVICES	29,202.78
2140	SPEC. CONT. SERVICES	41,641.72
2150	SPEECH SERVICES	46,033.77
2210	IMPROV. OF INST.	19,586.60
2220	LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA	25,603.19
2310	SCHOOL BOARD	16,288.33
2320	S.A.U. #44	100,355.18
2410	PRINCIPAL	159,918.43
2520	BOOKKEEPER	24,952.62
2540	OPERATION OF PLANT	191,612.57
2550	TRANSPORTATION	275,501.64
2560	FOOD SERVICE	50,384.34
2900	INS., COMP., RET.	13,114.24
5100	DEBT SERVICE	139,888.75
5250	CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	10,000.00
ES1100.590	Insurance Claim	20,033.69
SUMMARY TOTAL		4,030,237.63

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 1996**

Assets	
100. Cash/Ckbk	61,938.29
100.1 Bk of NH Sweep sav/ck Bal. . .	27,000.00
150 Acct. Recv./OPEN/Other	14,357.14
Total Assets	103,295.43
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
420 Acct. Pay./OPEN/Other	11,468.45
449 Annuity	726.00
Total Liabilities	12,194.45
Equity	
3900 Retained Earnings	72,023.82
Net Income	19,077.16
Total Equity	91,100.98
Total Liabilities & Equity	103,295.43

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL
PROFIT AND LOSS
JULY 1995 THROUGH JUNE 1996**

Income	
1000 Rev. from Local Sources	
1100 TAXES revenue	
1121 Current App./Revenue	3,692,726.24
1330 SEdT/Pupils/Parents/Other Sour	1,142.50
1910 Rentals	2,627.40
1941 SAU assessment	20,384.22
1991 FS/Wage & Tax Reimbursement	50,384.34
1992 Retiree's Health Ins. Reimbsmt	3,987.20
1990 Other/Misc Local Revenue Other	26,615.64
1500 Interest Earning on Investments	7,158.73
Total 1000 Rev. from Local Sources	3,805,026.27
3110 Foundation Aid/Unrestricted	184,566.80
3190 Other/Rev. from St./Medic/unres	1,562.04
3210 School Bldg. Aid/Restricted GIA	25,840.00
3222 Voc. Transportation	792.00
3240 Catastrophic Aid/Voc SCAID/Rest	31,418.68
3910 GAS TAX Refunds (NH)	109.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,049,314.79
GROSS PROFIT	4,049,314.79
Expenses	
110 Gross Wages/Teacher Salaries	1,156,573.46

110.1 Principal/Athletic/SB/H Cust. Sal.	79,509.34	
110.2 Enrichment/SB Mod/Cust. Sal.	86,269.23	
110.3 Cocurr/SB Treasurer Sal.	21,001.55	
110.4 E. Curr/SEC./SB Clerk Sal	13,252.00	
110.6 School Board Secretary	750.00	
110.8 Stipend	1,800.06	
110.9 Ins. Buyback	16,000.00	
112 Bkkpr/Librarian/Nurse Sal.	12,434.21	
114 Aides Wages/Tech. Tech & Sp. Ed.	94,397.80	
114.1 Dir. of Technology Sal.	26,000.00	
114.2 Technology Aide Sal	7,324.08	
115 Lunch Room Monitor	2,582.50	
120 Sub. Nurse/Sec./Cust./OT	742.50	
122 Sub. & Ovtm Salaries	29,089.18	
Total Payroll Expenses		1,547,725.91
Payroll Taxes		
230 FICA		118,719.53
Payroll/Employee Benefits		
211 Health Insurance Exp	103,854.27	
211.1 Health Ins. (Certified)	15,420.82	
211.2 Health Ins. (Non-cert.)	10,885.71	
212 Dental Insurance Exps	6,535.29	
212.1 Dental Ins. (Certified)	1,748.12	
213 Life Insurance Exps	3,205.39	
213.1 Life Ins. (Certified)	511.97	
222 Retirement (403(b)) Co. Exp.	5,005.90	
222.1 Retirement (Cert.) Pro	27,111.78	
222.2 Retirement (Non-Cert) Non-Pro	4,497.80	
Total Payroll/Employee Benefits		178,777.05
112.1 Curriculum Development	507.95	
123 Tutors	3,668.98	
214.1 Worker's Compensation	15,786.29	
270.1 Tuition Reimbursement	10,633.00	
270.2 Tuition Support Staff	357.00	
310 Cont. Serv/Sp Evnt/Tstng/Ed TV/Audit	7,222.12	
310.1 SLC Memb/Sp. Cont. Srv./Rubbish	9,041.93	
310.2 Staff Physicals/Contracted OT	24,360.81	
310.3 Cont. Serv./Health/Septic Tank	1,111.00	
310.4 Pre-Sch Diag/Sp Cont/Fire Alarms	12,671.89	
310.5 Clock & Bell Service	632.48	
310.6 Water Testing	1,165.00	
310.9 B Ball Equipment & Install.	4,064.00	
320.1 In Service Training	2,064.00	
320.2 Staff Development Workshops	2,897.00	
320.3 Workshops Support Staff	2,017.76	
320.4 Staff Development Stipend	600.00	
390 UMP's Ref's/Attorney & Negotiator	3,577.60	

440 Repairs & Maintenance	5,301.82
440.2 R&M Heating	2,886.24
440.3 R&M Equipment	620.63
440.4 R&M Furn & Fixtures	157.29
440.5 R&M Grounds	3,074.38
440.6 R&M Building	14,426.82
513.1 Transportation/Elementary	172,175.60
513.3 Transportation/Athletic	1,316.68
513.4 Transportation/High School	792.00
513.5 Transportation/Spec. Education	100,450.66
513.6 Transportation/Field Trip	766.70
520 Insurance	13,750.00
531 Telephone	4,796.56
532 Postage	762.42
540 Advertising Legal Notices	1,671.86
550 Printing	1,562.83
561 Tuition Other Public Schools	113,632.23
563 Tuition Coe-Brown	1,157,453.41
565 Tuition Non Public Schools	89,930.07
580 Travel	406.71
590 Other Expenses	22,270.38
610 Supplies	1,130.00
610.1 General Supplies/Plant O&M	1,439.68
610.11 Math Supplies	3,526.01
610.12 Music Supplies	457.40
610.13 Science Supplies	354.95
610.18 Co-Curricula Supplies	594.65
610.181 Consumable Supplies	1,701.13
610.182 General Supplies	2,891.01
610.183 A.V. Supplies/Printing Supplies	4,501.75
610.2 Art Supplies/Glass Supp Op & Main	896.80
610.20 Enrichment Supplies	120.10
610.24 Testing Supplies	1,811.40
610.25 Computer Supplies	1,202.46
610.26 Computer Softwear	4,478.74
610.3 Lumber Supplies/Plant O&M	52.24
610.4 Hardware Supplies/Plant O&M	864.87
610.5 Lang. Art/Read/Electric Supplies	60.00
610.8 Health P.E./ Athletic Supplies	781.48
630 Books/Professional/Library	2,882.58
630.1 Textbooks	1,061.30
630.2 Workbooks	1,720.25
630.3 Supplemental Books	1,022.80
630.4 Reference Books	20.00
640 Periodicals	1,222.14
652 Electricity	29,029.32
653 Fuel Oil	13,633.13
657 Propane Gas	4,920.81
741.1 New Equipment	6,305.80
741.2 Computer Tech. Equipment	19,752.32
742 Replacement Equipment	8,529.63

751 New Furniture	99.99
810 Dues & Fees/SAU exp/SBA Dues	115,807.57
830 Payment of Principal	85,000.00
840 Payment of Interest	54,888.75
890 Graduation Expenses/other	1,669.98
Total Expense	<u>4,030,237.63</u>
Net Income	<u>19,077.16</u>

**BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL SALARIES
INCLUDED IN THE 1995-1996 EXPENDITURES**

Regular Education	
ABBOTT, Janet G.	37,355.82
BOWLEN, Priscilla	36,791.02
COLBY, Steven M.	24,117.02
DAVIS, Gwen	23,203.00
DOLAN, Audrey	27,522.02
EDGERLY, Jennifer L.	35,286.94
FELBER, Michael	34,298.02
GAHM, Allan K.	31,406.96
HIGGINS, Darla	36,790.98
KRASKO, Robyn T.	32,820.99
LAKE, Nancy L.	36,791.02
MASON, Elizabeth T.	33,847.84
NIX, David R.	34,297.90
PLANTE, Maryellen	33,847.84
SAGAN, Walter T.	38,364.02
SAGER, Cheryl	35,286.94
SCARPONI, Shani A.	22,085.02
SMITH, Sarah W.	25,433.00
SNOW, Jennifer	31,406.96
ST. GERMAIN, Diane	38,364.00
STANO, Mary Lou	36,790.78
STUCK, Wayne B.	36,644.13
TANGUAY, Susan J.	35,841.00
UNREIN, Allen	27,522.00
VONWAHLDE, Nancy J.	30,054.96
WRIGHT, Jennifer E.	38,364.02
YOUNG, Patricia A.	44,287.00
	898,821.20
Substitutes	
BEASLEY, Tracie L.	45.00

BOHLE, Correna E.	202.50	
CHINDBLOM, Eric C.	202.50	
CROFT, Michelle	607.50	
CULLEN, James B.	45.00	
DARNELL, Donna	4,252.50	
DIVIRGILIO, Corinne	45.00	
DONINI, Erin	45.00	
DONOVAN, Robin E.	90.00	
EADE, Timothy M.	382.50	
FLEMING, Joan D.	585.00	
FOX, Ruthann E.	180.00	
HERRING, Miechen	45.00	
HIGGINS, Stephanie L.	517.50	
HOGAN, Patricia J.	1,213.52	
KNOWLES, Karen	225.00	
LORD, Victoria R.	562.50	
MARICHAL, Brenda L.	1,867.50	
PATRICK, Laurie	22.50	
PSZONOWSKY, Michael G.	360.00	
ROBERTO, Karen E.	202.50	
ROBERTO, Karen E.	133.00	
SCHWAB, Sandra K.	10,139.73	
TILTON, LuEllen	22.50	
VULNER, Kristine B.	2,025.00	
WEIL, Frederick W.	135.00	
WHITCHER, Judith	2,610.00	
WHITCHER, Rebecca	1,867.50	
WHITE, Jennifer	67.50	
		28,698.75

Technology

MORRIS, Francis R.	26,000.00	
POPOVICH, Carrolle	7,324.08	
		33,324.08

Lunch Room Monitor

PIERCE, Sandra L.	2,582.50	
		2,582.50

Special Education

CARTLAND, Suzanne	8,816.36	
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HARTMANN, Linda J. R.	30,054.96	
HEBERT, Laura A.	7,786.80	
HOGAN, Patricia J.	4,804.79	
JOHNSON, Susan B.	10,344.60	
LAFLAMME, Marlean L.	8,817.38	
LUCAS, Patricia M.	8,660.92	
MCMAHON, Colleen D.	9,009.00	
ROBERTO, Karen E.	3,134.50	
VOGT, Lynda D.	32,821.00	
WILLIAMS, Susan M.	26,336.96	
		150,587.27

Co-Curricular Activities		
COLBY, Steven M.	750.00	
JOHNSON, Margaret J.	400.00	
KRASKO, Robyn T.	1,050.00	
LAFLAMME, Marlean L.	250.00	
LUCAS, Patricia M.	600.00	
MASON, Elizabeth	500.00	
PLANTE, Maryellen	1,300.00	
SCARPONI, Shani A.	250.00	
SMITH, Sarah W.	400.00	
STUCK, Wayne B.	1,200.00	
VONWAHLDE, Nancy J.	400.00	
		7,100.00

Guidance		
KAUFMAN, Richard J.	24,004.00	
SNOW, Gail F.	22,132.72	
Nurse		46,136.72
ABELS, Irene	21,320.52	
		21,320.52

Speech Services		
DEMERS, Kathleen S.	37,356.00	
		37,356.00

Library		
BERRY, Charlotte M.	12,434.21	
Library Substitutes		
PIERCE, Sandra L.	292.15	

12,726.36

School Board

BICKFORD, Dorothy A.	1,500.00
BROADBENT, Gary R.	600.00
DIVIRGILIO, Corinne	250.00
OLSON, A. P.	700.00
PATRICK, Bruce	600.00
PIERCE, Sandra L.	50.35
POPOVICH, Carrolle	750.00

4,450.35

Office of the Principal

BAKER, Daniel	35,076.80
CULLEN, Anne P.	12,502.00
JENISCH, Richard A.	53,589.90
LORD, Carol A.	18,151.20

119,319.90

Bookkeeping

DIVIRGILIO, Corinne	1,580.65
SIENKO, Jennifer S.	16,958.00

18,538.65

Custodial

COOK, Kenneth E.	15,654.48
HASTINGS, Noel H.	17,287.63
HOWARD, Leo C.	17,250.32
TUTTLE, Dawn Z.	19,719.44

69,911.87

School Lunch Personnel

BARNES, Lynda	9,468.00
BRIGGS, Georgeanne	5,555.00
FLETCHER, Donna J.	56.70
JOHNSON, Margaret J.	3,313.82
PERREAULT, Christine A.	19,178.55
PIKE, Doris M.	195.30
TURMELLE, Hazel M.	3,694.95

41,462.32

BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1996

Assets	Acct. No.	General	Capital Projects	Food Service	Capital Reserve
Current Assets					
Cash	100	88,938.29		6,388.37	37,196.26
Interfund Receivables	130				10,000.00
Other Receivables	150	14,357.14			
Prepaid Expenses	180	10,000.00			
Total Current Assets		<u>113,295.43</u>		<u>6,388.37</u>	<u>47,196.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		113,295.43		6,388.37	47,196.26
Liabilities and Fund Equity					
Current Liabilities					
Other Payables	420	11,468.45			
Payroll Deductions and					
Withholdings	470	726.00			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>12,194.45</u>			
Reserve for Special Purposes	760				47,196.26
Unreserved Fund Balance	770	101,100.98			
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>101,100.98</u>		<u>6,388.37</u>	
TOTAL LIABIL. & FUND EQUITY		113,295.43		6,388.37	47,196.26

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

January 17, 1997

SAU # 44 serves Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford

SAU # 44 has been involved in major projects and decision - making since the Annual School District Meetings of March, 1996. Nottingham has started its second year in a brand new Elementary School; and Northwood's Building Committee made a recommendation for the \$5.3 million renovation and new construction at the Northwood Elementary School. As of December 30, 1996, however, the Northwood School Board voted 3 to 2 in favor of waiting until March, 1998 before bringing the question to the voters due to the revaluation of the community. SAU # 44 has been involved with contract negotiations in the various Districts during the past year. There are four Unions among the three Districts: a Teacher Union in each District; and a Support Staff Union in Northwood. SAU # 44 oversees the Staff Development Activities and re-certification of all professional staff in all three School Districts and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, including the evaluation process for all employees. Transportation contracts were successfully re-negotiated in Northwood and Nottingham with considerable savings for both of these Districts.

Financially speaking, SAU # 44 is also responsible for the SAU budget; the School District Budgets in all three Districts; the SAU # 44 Pre-School Program and Budget; and all Federal Funds for all Districts and Projects. The breakdown for 1995-1996 was as follow:

Barrington	\$7,679,017
Northwood	\$4,255,274
Nottingham	\$4,015,470
Strafford	\$4,131,340
SAU # 44	\$470,870
SAU # 44 Pre-School	203,708
Federal Projects	<u>\$491,816</u>
Total	\$21,247,495

A two-year project came to conclusion in 1995 with the decision by Barrington to become a Single-District SAU. Beginning on July 1, 1996, Barrington will become SAU # 74 with its own SAU Office and staff. The new SAU # 74 is located on the top floor of the Barrington Middle School ANNEX in the same building as and next to the Barrington Town Offices. The SAU # 74 Office space will fill currently unused classrooms. The decision to separate took Barrington over two years to execute, including two School District Meetings, an Public Informational Meeting and

several meetings and Hearings before the New Hampshire State Board of Education.

Currently, Strafford School District has an active SAU Study Committee at work and desires to bring a Warrant Article to its March, 1997 School District Meeting to ask the community to vote on whether to continue the Study Committee and formalize it by a vote of the School District Meeting as required by a new State Law which took effect in August, 1996. With an affirmative vote, the formalized Study Committee would follow the directions under the new State Law to research the possibilities of Strafford withdrawing from SAU # 44 and becoming its own separate SAU. The Study Committee would have a year to complete its work and report a recommendation to the March, 1998 Annual School District Meeting. The Study Committee consists of School Board members, community members, and the Superintendent of Schools.

During the Fall of 1996, the Joint School Board of SAU # 44 (consisting of all 11 School Board members from all three School Districts) worked on establishing the budget for SAU # 44 for the 1997-1998 year. The Joint School Board struggled with balancing the financial cost of running the SAU operation against delivering services to the three-District SAU. After two work sessions and a Public Hearing, the Joint School Board set the new budget for FY 98. The SAU # 44 FY 97 budget had been cut by \$138,985.98 to be set at \$331,883.82. The new SAU # 44 FY 98 Budget will be \$330,283.06 which is a further reduction of \$1,600.76. The personnel at SAU # 44 have been severely reduced since the FY 96 Budget.

The personnel cuts are as follows: The Assistant Superintendent; the Business Administrator; the Associate School Psychologist; the Personnel and Benefits Administrator; and the Secretary to the Business Administrator.

SAU # 44 is currently staffed as follows:

Superintendent	Secretary to the Special Education Director
Special Education Director	Financial Officer (Bookkeeper)
School Psychologist	Receptionist
Secretary to the Superintendent	Federal Project Assistant (Bookkeeper)
	Benefits Administrator

The Annual assessment computed from the SAU # 44 budget and divided by the state formula among the 3 member towns is shown as follows:

Northwood's Share (as a 4 District SAU)

1994 -1995:	\$109,094	Decreased Difference
1995 - 1996:	\$105,835	(\$3,259)

Northwood's Share (as a 3 District SAU):

1995 - 1996:	\$105,835	Increase Difference:
1996 - 1997:	\$114,459	\$8,624
1997 - 1998:	\$109,657	Decrease Difference:
		(\$4,802)

Nottingham's Share (as a 4 District SAU):

1994 - 1995:	\$92,784	Increase Difference:
1995 - 1996:	\$93,717	\$933

Nottingham's Share (as a 3 District SAU):

1995 - 1996:	\$93,717	Increase Difference:
1996 - 1997:	\$100,932	\$7,215
1997 - 1998:	\$108,669	Increase Difference:
		\$7,737

Strafford's Share (as a 4 District SAU);

1994 - 1995:	\$105,291	Decrease Difference:
1995 - 1996:	\$100,355	(\$4,936)

Strafford's Share (as a 3 District SAU):

1995 - 1996:	\$100,355	Increase Difference:
1996 - 1997:	\$116,493	\$16,138
1997 - 1998:	\$111,957	Decrease Difference:
		(\$4,536)

While the costs to support the SAU structure in **SAU # 74 have increased by 20%**, the costs to maintain SAU # 44 have **decreased** drastically from 1995-1996, and slightly from 1996-1997.

The costs and distributions of SAU support are the following:

1995 - 1996	SAU # 44		
	Barrington	\$170,962.36	
	Northwood	105,835.03	
	Nottingham	93,717.23	
	Strafford	100,355.18	
	Total	470,869.80	
1996 - 1997	SAU# 44		Increase Over 95 - 96
	Northwood	114,459.11	8,624.08
	Nottingham	100,931.81	7,214.58
	Strafford	116,492.90	16,137.72
	Total	331,883.82	31,976.38

SAU # 74		
Barrington	205,237.06	34,274.70

The costs and distributions for FY 98 SAU support are the following:

1997 - 1998	SAU # 44		Over 96 - 97
	Northwood	\$109,656.97	\$4,802.14 decrease
	Nottingham	108,668.81	7,737.00 increase
	Strafford	<u>111,957.28</u>	<u>4,535.62 decrease</u>
	Total	330,283.06	1,600.76 decrease

In order to keep cost of the SAU # 44 Office as low as possible, the Joint School Board did cut the SAU # 44 Office Operation by \$138,985.98 for the 1996 - 1997 school year, and did cut the budget by another \$1,600.76 for the 1997 - 1998 school year. The re-structured SAU # 44 will make every effort to meet the service demands of the three Districts in SAU # 44. The Joint School Board will continue to closely monitor SAU # 44 in the coming year to determine its future needs.

REPORT OF STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT SAU STUDY COMMITTEE

Background:

For at least ten years, committees have studied the possibility of different ways of structuring the school administration for the Strafford School District.

The most recent committee was set up in 1993. The annual school district meeting voted in 1994 to set up a study committee to see if there should be a separate school administrative unit (SAU) for Strafford. That committee reported to the 1996 annual meeting regarding Barrington's departure from the SAU, and it was agreed that the committee should continue its work.

Since then, the legislature has changed the requirements for forming separate SAU's. The new law took effect on August 9, 1996. The new law makes it easier to set up a separate SAU.

The new law also sets up procedures that are different from the old procedures. For that reason, new members were added to the committee in 1996 and another vote is needed in order for the committee to officially continue its work. The purpose of this new vote is to comply with the new law.

Committee Membership and Meetings

The coordinator of the study committee is Al Olson, a member of the school board. Steve Leighton, also a school board member, is a member of the study committee along with Pat Whittier, Irving Johnson, Bertha Huckins, Erma Clark and Jim Allmendinger, the alternate members are Michael Harrington and George Kitz. All are Strafford residents. The current superintendent of schools is an *ex officio* member of the committee.

The original committee has met frequently over the past three school years. It has talked to a number of persons, including the principal of the Strafford Elementary School, the current superintendent, Dr. George Reid, and the new superintendent in Barrington, John Freeman. It has reviewed budgets and reports regarding separate SAU's from several sources, including the Farmington and Barrington SAU study committees and the University of New Hampshire.

Recommendation of the Committee

At this time the committee recommends that the voters approve the warrant article that will authorize the committee as it exists to continue its work under the new law.

NOTE: *If you vote favorably on this warrant article, the committee will take the steps necessary to present you with a plan for a separate SAU for Strafford, after all of the proper procedures have been followed. Those procedures are outlined below.*

*Please keep in mind that a favorable vote on this warrant article now does **not** bind you to vote favorably on the recommendation for a separate SAU later.*

Reasons for the Committee's Recommendation

The committee believes that improved services can be obtained for our school district at a modest increase in costs if we form a separate SAU. It may be in the best interest of the citizens of Strafford to separate from SAU 44. Costs may not be less, but more autonomy and attention to budget, academics, and long-range planning may result from becoming a single district school administrative unit.

As matters stand now, many of the services performed by the SAU can

be performed by our school district. An on-site superintendent could become more involved with the development and implementation of the curriculum. Staff evaluation and job performance by administrators could be carried out locally, in a more systematic and effective manner than from a superintendent who is not in our school district.

A separate SAU would also minimize the politics of multi-district SAUs. Strafford administrators could serve Strafford without conflicting responsibilities in other districts. Also an in-house special education administrator would better serve Strafford. For these reasons, your committee thinks that serious consideration should be given by citizens to forming a separate SAU for Strafford.

Summary of Procedures

- voters approve the creation of a study committee
- the study committee prepares a report
- assuming that the report recommends a separate SAU, then the study committee prepares a plan
- the plan is submitted to the existing SAU and the school boards in that SAU, and then to the state board of education
- the state board of education refers the plan back to the school board and has the plan published in a local newspaper prior to a vote of the school district
- the school district votes at a regular or special meeting; if 3/5ths of the voters approve, then the plan is adopted and a new SAU is formed

Conclusion

The committee believes that improved services can be realized for our school district at a modest increase in costs if we form a separate SAU. Members of the committee will be attending the annual school district meeting to answer your questions.

Strafford School District SAU Study Committee
January 24, 1997

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Our journey this year has been and will continue to be one of exploring new roads in curriculum and instruction, validating ongoing programs, integrating technology into the curriculum, increasing staff training, overcoming substantial obstacles, and finding new solutions. In addition, we are broadening our alliances, understanding the power of networking with other educators, parents, business leaders and agencies as we strive to restructure. In theory, this seems like a straight forward process, but in reality it is a difficult one requiring regular interaction and cooperation among all those involved. We are happy to say that the process is well underway at Strafford School, led by caring and capable people at all levels.

Many projects are currently underway. A newly revised math curriculum has been written and is currently being implemented at all grade levels. It was written by a committee comprised of teachers from Strafford, Northwood, and Coe-Brown Academy and is consistent with State of NH Math Frameworks and N.C.T.M. Standards (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics). The committee continues its work this year and is reviewing materials, conducting training, and reviewing instructional practices, record-keeping, and assessment.

A Science Curriculum Committee also consisting of staff members from the three schools, began work in January under the direction of Mr. Bob Young, Science Chair at Coe-Brown. The mission of this committee is to develop an integrated curriculum for grades 1-8 which fosters curiosity, helps to develop skills of observing, interpreting, and questioning, and provides a basic core of knowledge about the fundamental laws that govern nature, also known as science literacy. The committee will work through the 97-98 school year addressing their mission. Implementation of the curriculum will follow along with intense staff training.

The three school consortium has received a School to Work planning grant of \$5000.00 These funds are being used to build a local initiative of educators and businesses who will develop a program for students which provides the knowledge and experience necessary for making informed career decisions. Part of this three year process is completing an application for an implementation grant which would fund the program for the three year cycle. Goals include: improve problem solving and critical thinking abilities; recognize the need for math, science, and communication skills; develop good work habits and the characteristics necessary to

be a successful student; improve technical skills; develop leadership and teamwork skills; benefit from exploring careers; set and achieve realistic goals; and increase expectations of post-secondary education while planning a career.

Strafford School applied for and received its first Consolidated Grant this fall, a combination of several federal grants available to schools. These grants support the Title One Reading & Math Programs, science curriculum work including the construction of a working student operated sugar house on school property, and the expansion of the school's Adventure Learning Program.

Our school also received a \$15,000 Walker Foundation Grant to set up a state-of-the-art publishing center equipped with a powerful computer, publishing software, a digital camera, a scanner, and related supplies. The center will be used to publish a variety of periodicals for the school, including a yearbook of student work in which all students are represented.

Strafford School has its own WEB page which contains information about the school, including the most recent edition of the newly developed community newsletter. The WEB page address is:
<http://www.nh.ultranet.com/-strafor/strafor.htm>

Once again, OM (Odyssey of the Mind) is very active at our school. Nine teams, coached by staff members and community volunteers, are preparing for the regional competitions in March. This extremely successful enrichment program involves over 70 students in grades 1-8 and has challenged hundreds of Strafford students for the past several years. Last year a team comprised of several former Strafford School OMers took first place at the World OM finals.

In addition to third grade assessment, Strafford School participated in State of NH sixth grade testing for the first time in 1996. While the overall scores were disappointing, strengths and weaknesses have been identified by administration and staff and are being considered as part of the curriculum revision and staff training process. The scores are only one measure of our school's success but serve us well in identifying the concepts, skills, and applications our students need to develop further to prepare them to compete at the secondary and post secondary level and in the work world.

The Strafford School Board, administration, and Superintendent came together early in the school year for a goal setting meeting. Both short and long term priorities were established providing a focus for all aspects of the school program from instruction to building maintenance. Several sub-committees of the school board are currently functioning and a long term capital improvement plan is nearing completion.

All school board members have demonstrated wisdom and courage in practicing fiscal responsibility while providing the best education possible for all Strafford students. I would like to thank them all for their commitment to the youth of our community.

I would also like to thank Mr. Baker, our Assistant Principal. In addition to being a good friend and respected colleague, he has been a moving force behind several initiatives at the school. His devotion to young people and his concern for social and cognitive development are clear and we are truly fortunate to have him on our staff.

The school board, administration, and staff remain committed to the research, training, pilot initiatives, effective teaching practices, assessment, and risk taking necessary to improve our school and make it more responsive to the students we serve. This can only be accomplished with the continued support of parents and the community for which we are deeply grateful.

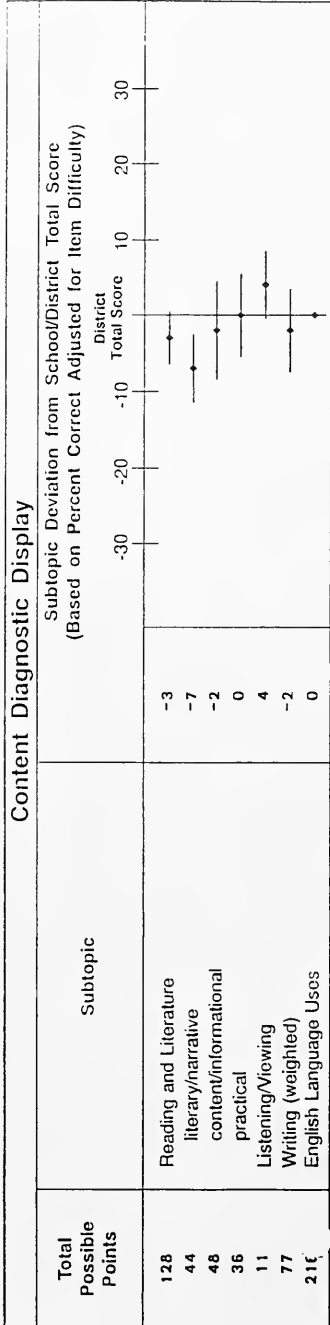
I welcome all Strafford citizens to visit our school, join us for lunch, attend our special school presentations, or request a school tour. We are happy to have you learn more about our staff and programs. Close to 600 children and adults work together within our school each day. Come see what we are doing!

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Jenisch, Principal

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS

District: SITUATION
Grade: END-OF-GRADE THREE
Date: MAY 1996

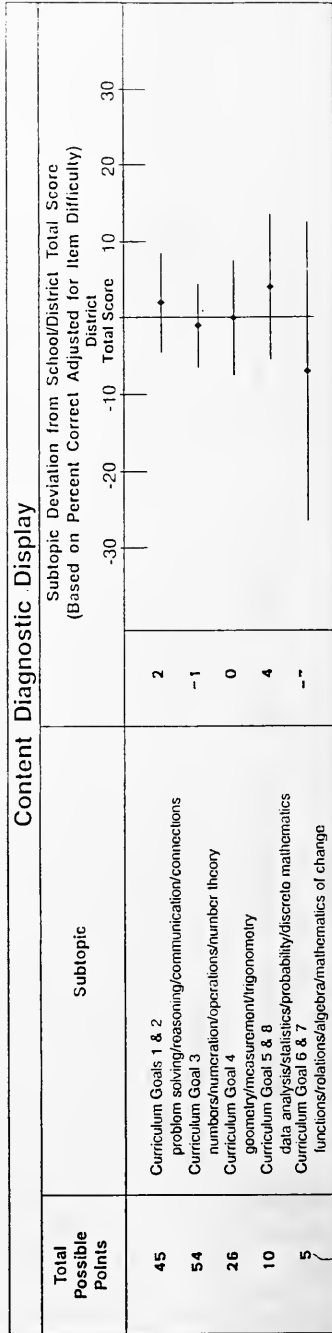
	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School		District		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough comprehension of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main and subordinate ideas, supporting details and facts. They use comparisons and predictions to increase their level of understanding. They can draw conclusions and make critical judgments. Their responses are detailed and reflect careful thought. When writing, they communicate clearly and effectively. They can organize ideas, develop a topic, add supporting detail, and vary both sentence structure and vocabulary. They make few, if any, mechanical errors.		1993-94		1	2	1	
		1994-95		3	5	3	
		1995-96		4	6	4	
		Cumulative Average				4	3
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main ideas and draw conclusions. Their responses show thought and are supported with some detail. When writing, they communicate competently and are able to adequately develop and support their ideas. Although they demonstrate a firm grounding in the mechanics of written expression, they may make some errors in spelling and grammar. However, these do not interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		1993-94		15	28	15	
		1994-95		23	43	26	
		1995-96		24	37	25	
		Cumulative Average				37	22
Basic: Students at this level are able to determine the literal meaning of the materials they read, hear, and view. They can identify clearly-stated main ideas and make direct comparisons. Their responses are sometimes incomplete and are supported with low details. When writing, they communicate at a rudimentary level. Although they employ both simple and more-complex sentences, overall their work shows elementary organization, development, and use of detail. While they demonstrate a fundamental control of mechanics, they may make errors in spelling and grammar.		1993-94		27	51	46	
		1994-95		25	38	44	
		1995-96		25	38	45	
		Cumulative Average				42	46
Novice: Students at this level are at the beginning of their literacy development. They extract limited meaning from what they read, hear, and view. Although they may be able to locate major details, they are often unable to identify clearly-stated main ideas. When writing, they have difficulty communicating. While it may be related to the point they are trying to make, their written work is minimal and shows little organization, development, or use of detail. Errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar may interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		1993-94		10	19	33	
		1994-95		8	12	22	
		1995-96		11	17	21	
		Cumulative Average				16	25
Students Not Included in the Report:		1993-94		0	0	0	
		1994-95		0	0	0	
		1995-96		1	2	5	
		Cumulative Average				1	4



MATHEMATICS RESULTS

District: STRATFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE THREE
Date: MAY 1996

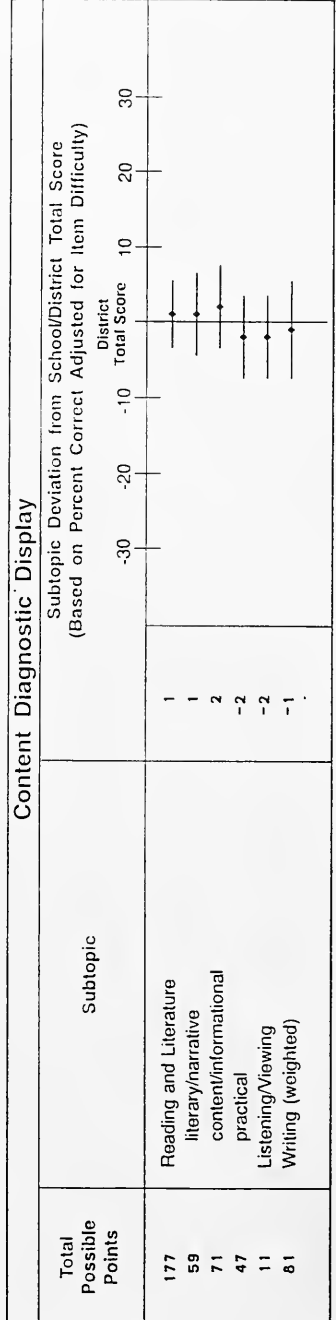
Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level				
	School		District		State
	N	%	N	%	%
Advanced: Students at this level are able to solve problems and communicate their answers and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely. They can accurately add, subtract, and multiply whole numbers to the same extent as proficient students. They have an understanding of fractions and decimals and can add and subtract decimals in everyday situations. They are able to make estimations; use models to demonstrate mathematical concepts; draw conclusions from information presented in charts and graphs; identify, classify, and compare geometric objects; measure accurately; construct simple charts and graphs; and recognize, describe, extend and create a variety of patterns.	1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 Cumulative Average		2 10 7 10	4 15 11 10	2 9 10 7
Proficient: Students at this level are able to estimate and compute solutions to problems and communicate their understanding of mathematics. They can, with reasonable accuracy, add 3-digit whole numbers, subtract any two 2-digit numbers, and multiply whole numbers up to 5. They are able to demonstrate an understanding of place value as well as the relationship between simple fractions and decimals; read charts and graphs; make measurements; and recognize and extend patterns.	1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 Cumulative Average		16 21 14 28	30 32 22 28	16 24 23 21
Basic: Students at this level are able to multiply whole numbers up to 5 with reasonable accuracy. They can add and subtract 1-digit whole numbers with ease. When adding or subtracting 2-digit whole numbers, regrouping (borrowing and carrying) presents a challenge. They demonstrate a rudimentary understanding of place value, fractional parts, geometry, and measurement. They can recognize and extend simple patterns and read uncomplicated charts and graphs. They demonstrate limited skill in the application of mathematics to problem-solving situations.	1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 Cumulative Average		29 29 37 52	55 45 57 45	47 42 46 45
Novice: Students at this level are able to add and subtract 1- and 2-digit whole numbers without regrouping (borrowing and carrying). However, they frequently make errors in these computations. They can recite whole-number multiplication facts up to 5. Although they have some knowledge of place value, fractions, geometry, and measurement, their understanding of these areas is extremely limited. They are unable to demonstrate the application of mathematical skills to problem-solving situations.	1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 Cumulative Average		6 5 6 9	11 8 9 9	34 22 18 25
Students Not Included in the Report:	1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 Cumulative Average		0 0 1 1	0 0 2 1	2 3 3 3



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS

District: STRAFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 1996

	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School			District		
		N	%		N	%	State %
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and information from materials they read, hear, and view. They draw conclusions, make critical judgments, and develop meaningful connections between and among ideas and concepts. They explain and support their inferences and interpretations. Their writing is clear, effective, and fluent. They organize ideas, develop a topic, add supporting details, and vary both sentence structure and vocabulary. They make few, if any, mechanical errors.	Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main ideas, analyze text, evaluate and organize information, draw conclusions, and make inferences and interpretations. They critically evaluate materials they read, hear, and view. They effectively organize, develop, and support ideas so that a reader can easily understand the intent of their writing. They demonstrate a firm grounding in the mechanics of written expression; however, they may still make some errors.	1995-96			2	3	1
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			2	3	1
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They recognize main ideas and identify supporting details. They gather information from materials they read, hear, and view and use it to make obvious conclusions. Their responses often include appropriate examples. They employ sufficient organization, development, and support of ideas to satisfactorily communicate the intent of their writing. While they demonstrate a fundamental control of the mechanics of written expression, they may make errors in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and/or punctuation.	Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They recognize clearly-stated topics and details in materials they read, hear, and view. For the most part, their responses to questions are literal. Their writing shows limited organization, development, and use of detail. Errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and/or grammar may interfere with a reader's ability to understand their written text.	1995-96			6	10	15
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			6	10	15
Students Not Included In the Report:		1995-96			25	41	38
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			25	41	38
		1995-96			27	44	42
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			27	44	42
		1995-96			1	2	3
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			1	2	3

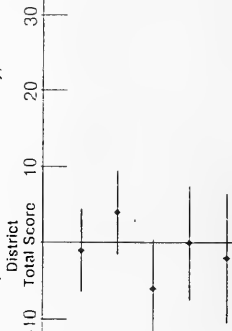


MATHEMATICS RESULTS

District: STRAFFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 1996

	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School			District		
		N	%		N	%	State %
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They are able to use both physical and conceptual models, make connections between and among concepts, and use estimation to monitor the reasonableness of their work. Their mathematical reasoning and problem solving is systematic, direct, and thorough. They employ numbers, graphs, diagrams, examples, and generalizations to explain their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.		1995-96			0	0	1
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			0	0	1
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They make few, if any, errors in computation. They use tables and graphs to organize, present, and interpret data. They employ appropriate strategies to solve a wide range of problems. They clearly communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.		1995-96			8	13	11
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			8	13	11
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of fractions, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They accurately perform computations with whole numbers and decimals. They can read and construct graphs. They apply their mathematical knowledge and skills in addressing everyday situations and solving straight-forward problems. They adequately communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.		1995-96			18	30	27
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			18	30	27
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of fractions, decimals, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers with a fair degree of accuracy. They can obtain information from graphs. They display a limited ability to use their mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems. Their explanations of their answers are brief and incomplete.		1995-96			34	56	59
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			34	56	59
Students Not Included in the Report:		1995-96			1	2	2
		1996-97					
		1997-98					
		Cumulative Average			1	2	2

Content Diagnostic Display		
Total Possible Points	Subtopic	Subtopic Deviation from School/District Total Score (Based on Percent Correct Adjusted for Item Difficulty)
41	Curriculum Goals 1 & 2 problem solving/reasoning/communication/connections	-1
63	Curriculum Goal 3 number/nomenclature/operations/number theory	4
36	Curriculum Goal 4 geometry/measurement/trigonometry	-6
36	Curriculum Goal 5 & 8 data analysis/statistics/probability/discrete mathematics	0
24	Curriculum Goal 6 & 7 functions/relations/algebra/mathematics of change	-2



SCIENCE RESULTS

District: STRATFORD

Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX

Date: MAY 1996

Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level				
	School		District		State
	N	%	N	%	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. They recognize that the sciences are interrelated. They analyze, synthesize, and interpret data from experiments with several variables. They are aware of the limitations of science as well as its useful application in other areas. They use scientific knowledge and processes to solve problems. They employ a variety of forms, including text, graphs, figures, and diagrams, to communicate scientific information clearly and concisely.	1995-96		0	0	<1
	1996-97				
	1997-98				
	Cumulative Average		0	0	<1
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. They are familiar with procedures used in science, such as designing experiments, controlling variables, and selecting appropriate equipment. They draw conclusions from data presented in graphs and tables. They use their scientific knowledge to examine problems and evaluate advantages and disadvantages of proposed solutions. They clearly communicate and explain their understanding, problem-solving strategies, and solutions.	1995-96		12	20	9
	1996-97				
	1997-98				
	Cumulative Average		12	20	9
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a rudimentary understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. They are familiar with methods used in science such as observation and classification. They obtain information from graphs and tables and draw obvious conclusions from data. They use their scientific knowledge to address straight-forward problems and adequately communicate their understanding and solutions.	1995-96		17	28	20
	1996-97				
	1997-98				
	Cumulative Average		17	28	20
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. For example, they are aware that scientific information is obtained from observations and experiments and are familiar with a number of specific facts. Their ability to address straight-forward scientific problems and communicate their solutions is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.	1995-96		30	49	69
	1996-97				
	1997-98				
	Cumulative Average		30	49	69
Students Not Included in the Report:	1995-96		2	3	2
	1996-97				
	1997-98				
	Cumulative Average		2	3	2

Content Diagnostic-Display		
Total Possible Points	Subtopic	Subtopic Deviation from School/District Total Score (Based on Percent Correct Adjusted for Item Difficulty)
49	Curriculum Strands 1 & 2 scientific inquiry/technology	-3
51	Curriculum Strand 3 life science	1
50	Curriculum Strand 4 earth/space science	3
50	Curriculum Strand 5 physical science	-2
178	Curriculum Strand 6 unifying themes and concepts	0

SOCIAL STUDIES RESULTS

District: SHELTON

Grade: END OF-GRADE SIX

Date: MAY 1996

Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
	School		District		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They integrate the use of tools such as maps, globes, graphs, and charts, as well as an understanding of chronology, in defining and addressing problems. They integrate their knowledge of the social studies and apply it to the examination of relevant issues. They communicate their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	1995-96		4	7	4	
	1996-97					
	1997-98					
	Cumulative		4	7	4	
	Average					
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can explain important ideas such as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship or how supply, demand, and competition affect prices. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and form conclusions based on data. They apply their knowledge of the social studies to relevant tasks and clearly communicate and explain their findings.	1995-96		9	15	8	
	1996-97					
	1997-98					
	Cumulative		9	15	8	
	Average					
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a rudimentary understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can describe people, places, and events as well as important ideas such as the relationship between geography and the development of population centers. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and make obvious conclusions based on data. They use their knowledge of the social studies to address straight-forward tasks and adequately communicate their findings.	1995-96		22	36	32	
	1996-97					
	1997-98					
	Cumulative		22	36	32	
	Average					
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. For example, they recognize the importance of documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the New Hampshire Constitution, and the United States Constitution, are familiar with a number of specific facts, and are aware that the social studies are interrelated. Their ability to address straight-forward social studies tasks and communicate their findings is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.	1995-96		24	39	52	
	1996-97					
	1997-98					
	Cumulative		24	39	53	
	Average					
Students Not Included in the Report:						
1995-96			2	3	3	
1996-97						
1997-98						
Cumulative			2	3	3	
Average						

Content Diagnostic Display

Total Possible Points	Subtopic	Subtopic Deviation from School/District Total Score (Based on Percent Correct Adjusted for Item Difficulty)				
		District	Total Score	10	20	30
46	Curriculum Standards 1-4 civics and government	1				
47	Curriculum Standards 5-9 economics	-2				
57	Curriculum Standards 10-15 geography	1				
50	Curriculum Standards 16-18 history	-2				
35	Curriculum Standards 4, 9, 15, & 16 social studies issues	0				

1996 STRAFFORD SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

As I looked back over past years' reports, I noted that I set rather ambitious goals for the school health program each year, and to my dismay, have not accomplished them all. To be sure, health screenings for vision, hearing and scoliosis were completed; I insured that state requirements for students' immunizations were met; I administered daily medications as prescribed, and treated all the children who came to see me for illness and injuries and communicated with parents often. The eighth graders learned CPR, and the fourth graders learned rescue breathing. I served as a resource for many of the teachers, and even checked their blood pressures once in a while! Yes, we have a health education curriculum in place. Some teacher training has been completed, some educational materials have been reviewed.

There is always much more that needs to be done, and the needs of so many of our families seem to be greater than what we have to offer them. And yet, last year, student visits alone exceeded 10,000! It is a dilemma being faced by school nurses throughout the state and the country. We are health office administrators, caregivers, and teachers. The teachers know their students and are often instrumental in recognizing signs and symptoms that indicate unhealthy behaviors or illness and we work closely to monitor and restore those students to health. I am grateful for the assistance and support I receive from these teachers on the students' behalf.

Illness and injuries are not the only problems that I am seeing in my office. Issues dealing with personal hygiene, children coming to school without eating adequate breakfasts, adolescents skipping lunch every day, and young children without warm coats, hats or gloves in our bitter cold winters are also grave concerns of mine.

My link with parents is critical in achieving success as the school nurse. The notes in the school's Friday newsletters, the phone calls, the referrals from screening results or office visits, flyers sent home or posted on the school bulletin board are the means that I use to inform you of what is happening with or for your children. This communication must be two-way though, to be of any use to the children. Follow-through on referrals is vital, otherwise I have no way of knowing if a child is receiving appropriate treatment for strep throat, or a hearing or vision deficit. A child who is ill cannot learn and needs to recuperate at home. A child who is ill may be infectious to his or her classmates. And yet, 70 %

of Strafford students have two working parents. While many companies may easily allow for an employee to take time for a sick child, other businesses may not be so lenient.

I will continue to set high goals for each new school year, and though chances are that I won't meet all of them, I will accomplish one or two. But most of all, I remain concerned for our children and I ask that you continue to work with me so that we may keep our children as healthy as possible, so that they may achieve the success that is meant to be theirs in the classroom.

Sincerely,

Irene A. Abels, RN
Strafford School Nurse

REPORT FROM COE-BROWN ACADEMY

The student population at Coe-Brown has continued to grow, currently totaling 522 with 553 expected on the first day of classes next August. Our projections, based on current student numbers and anticipated growth in Strafford and Northwood, our two contract towns, is for student numbers to reach 575 by 1999, then gradually fall back to the 550 level. While this growth has placed a strain on classroom space and other facilities, it has also created opportunities for our students in and outside the classroom.

The *Senior Portfolio* is a graduation requirement for all Coe-Brown seniors. The class of 1997 is the first for which this process has included a four year commitment to community service. This commitment takes many forms ranging from service within the school itself to service in the community. Examples of recent community service experiences include work with youth athletic teams, volunteer service in nursing homes, and coaching in the Odyssey of the Minds program. The intent of the Board of Trustees is to help students develop a lifelong commitment to participation in the life of the community and an appreciation of the opportunities their community has provided them.

We have implemented a significant change in the way academic programs are organized at Coe-Brown this year, shifting from the traditional department format to a *deanery* format. This consolidation of academic leadership into deanships is designed to help us evaluate our curriculum and faculty more effectively. Additionally, we have hired a full-time computer specialist to direct our educational efforts in this area and insure that computer resources are used effectively as teaching, learning, and administrative tools.

Volunteers are an important resource at Coe-Brown. The senior portfolio process alone involves nearly one hundred members of the local community serving as panel members during the portfolio exit interview (call the Academy if you want to be involved). This exit interview is an important final step for seniors, giving them a chance to reflect on what the community and school have given them, and a chance to look ahead to the future. You could liken it to an interview for the job of life as a participating citizen.

The Board of Trustees and the entire Coe-Brown Academy community are currently engaged in a reassessment of our goals and objectives for

the future - our master plan. We welcome any suggestions or ideas you feel could help us do the job better. Feel free to contact one of your Stratford members of the Board (Bill Lord, Ed Cournoyer, Bob Grant, or David Whitcher) if you have any questions or concerns.

William Lord, President, CBNA Board of Trustees

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

To: Stratford

Date: October 31, 1996

Your report of appropriations voted and property taxes to be raised for the 1996-1997 school year has been approved on the following basis:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$4,367,292.43

**REVENUES & CREDITS AVAILABLE
TO REDUCE SCHOOL TAXES**

Unreserved Fund Balance	\$101,100.98
Fund Balance Voted From Surplus:	
(To Capital Reserve Fund)	10,000.00
Fund Balance Remaining as Revenue	91,100.98
Revenue From State Source	
Foundation Aid	208,216.00
School Building Aid	25,840.00
Catastrophic Aid	40,382.00
Child Nutrition	33,306.00

Local Revenue Other Than Taxes:	
Earnings on Investments	2,000.00
Pupil Activities Food Service Receipts	71,261.00

TOTAL REVENUE AND CREDITS	482,105.98
DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	<u>3,885,186.55</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$4,367,292.43

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

October 3, 1996

School Board

Strafford School District

Northwood, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Strafford School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated October 3, 1996. In our report our opinion was qualified because the statements did not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the School District for the year ended June 30, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect

to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted certain matters (detailed in the material that accompanies this report) involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we have reported to the management of the School District in a separate letter dated October 3, 1996.

This report is intended for the information of management and State and Federal audit agencies. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Lyford, Certified Public Accountant
Mason & Rich Professional Association Accountants and Auditors

School Administrative Unit #44		"Proposed" School Budget For FY 98									
1100		1993-1994 Approved:	1994-1995 Approved:	1994-1995 Expended:	1995-1996 Approved:	1996-1997 Approved:	1997-1998 Proposed:	Increase/ (Decrease):			
	REGULAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:										
1100	100										
	COMPENSATION:										
1100	110										
1100	114	Teacher Salaries:	\$857,150.00	\$908,478.00	\$892,698.33	\$951,908.00	\$950,610.00	\$995,070.00	\$44,460.00		
1100	114	Director Of Technology:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,780.00	\$27,780.00	\$1,000.00		
1100	114	Alde (Technology Technician):	\$0.00	\$12,978.00	\$11,401.77	\$6,190.00	\$7,787.00	\$10,480.00	\$2,693.00		
1100	115	Lunch Room Monitor:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,401.25	\$3,000.00	\$2,781.00	\$2,900.00	\$119.00		
1100	122	Substitute Teacher Salaries:	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$32,940.16	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$25,080.00	\$10,080.00		
1100	123	Tutor Salaries:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00		
	TOTAL COMPENSATION:	\$872,150.00	\$936,456.00	\$938,540.31	\$1,004,098.00	\$1,002,958.00	\$1,061,230.00		\$58,272.00		
1100	200	BENEFITS:									
1100	211	Health Insurance:	\$101,600.00	\$108,849.00	\$74,817.75	\$81,586.14	\$80,572.00	\$101,417.38	\$20,845.38		
1100	212	Dental Insurance:	\$4,744.00	\$5,727.05	\$6,042.86	\$5,999.00	\$5,765.00	\$7,339.84	\$1,574.84		
1100	213	Life Insurance:	\$2,984.00	\$3,198.27	\$2,803.74	\$2,964.00	\$2,964.00	\$3,068.36	\$104.36		
1100	222	Retirement (Certified):	\$17,057.00	\$17,499.35	\$17,499.35	\$23,254.23	\$22,951.98	\$26,845.98	\$3,894.00		
1100	222	Retirement (Non-Certified):	\$0.00	\$423.06	\$423.06	\$423.06	\$423.06	\$430.73	\$7.67		
1100	230	F.I.C.A.:	\$65,700.00	\$77,343.33	\$72,602.92	\$76,062.78	\$76,727.35	\$81,184.10	\$4,456.75		
	TOTAL BENEFITS:	\$185,304.00	\$210,548.70	\$174,034.60	\$191,116.89	\$190,226.04	\$222,899.49		\$32,673.45		
	OTHER EXPENSES:										
1100	310	Contracted Services:	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,093.02	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00		
1100	440	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,220.40	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00		
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:	\$1,200.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,313.42	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00		\$4,000.00		
1100	500	TUITION:									
1100	561	Tuition-Other Public Schools:	\$41,978.00	\$30,358.00	\$67,060.12	\$55,434.00	\$49,768.00	\$50,208.00	\$440.00		
1100	563	Tuition-Private Schools:	\$97,601.00	\$915,380.00	\$860,721.36	\$1,130,493.00	\$1,309,113.00	\$1,443,378.00	\$134,265.00		
	TOTAL TUITION:	\$839,580.00	\$945,738.00	\$927,781.48	\$1,185,933.00	\$1,358,881.00	\$1,493,586.00		\$134,705.00		

		1993-1994	1994-1995	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	Increase/ (Decrease):
		Approved:	Approved:	Expend:	Approved:	Approved:	Proposed:	
1100	SCHOOL SUPPLIES:							
1100	610 2 Art Supplies:	\$1,800.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,598.06	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$300.00
1100	610 5 Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$161.23	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$400.00
1100	610 8.1 Health-P.E. Supplies:	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,375.63	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1100	610 8.2 Project Adventure:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
1100	610 11 Math Supplies:	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,201.49	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1100	610 12.1 Music Supplies:	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,518.48	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
1100	610 12.2 Instrumental Music Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1100	610 13 Science Supplies:	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,930.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
1100	610 15 Social Studies Supplies:	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$446.36	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$400.00
1100	610 16-1 Consumable Supplies:	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$18,939.37	\$1,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$200.00
1100	610 16-2 Consumable Supplies:	\$0.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$5,994.37	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
1100	610 18-3 Printing Supplies:	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)
1100	610 24 Testing Supplies:	\$2,300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$3,179.70	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
1100	610 25 Computer Supplies:	\$250.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$18,976.43	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$500.00
1100	TOTAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES:	\$33,750.00	\$27,850.00		\$57,777.73	\$24,600.00	\$29,300.00	\$4,700.00
1100	CLASSROOM TEXTS:							
1100	630 1 Classroom Textbooks:	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$9,910.84	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
1100	630 2 Classroom Workbooks:	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,302.99	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
1100	630 3 Classroom Supplemental Books:	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,292.55	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,500.00)
1100	630 4 Classroom Supplemental Books:	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,744.46	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1100	TOTAL CLASSROOM TEXTS:	\$11,000.00	\$26,200.00		\$31,840.04	\$20,500.00	\$14,000.00	(\$6,500.00)
1100	Classroom Periodicals:	\$0.00	\$750.00		\$1,035.85	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
1100	Equipment and Furniture:							
1100	741 1 New Equipment:	\$4,100.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,436.31	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
1100	741 2 Computer Technology Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
1100	742 Replacement of Equipment:	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$234.75	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
1100	751 New Furniture:	\$4,080.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$4,765.05	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
1100	752 New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
1100	TOTAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE:	\$8,600.00	\$7,300.00		\$10,436.11	\$22,300.00	\$20,600.00	(\$1,700.00)
1100	Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$900.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,200.00
1100	TOTAL REG ED PROGRAMS:	\$1,959,584.00	\$2,160,142.70		\$2,143,759.74	\$2,624,015.04	\$2,852,615.49	\$228,600.45

1200		1993-1994	1994-1995	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	Increase/ (Decrease)
1200	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:	Approved:	Approved:	Expended:	Approved:	Approved:	Proposed:	
1200 100	SALARIES:	\$56,290.00	\$82,636.00		\$85,023.00	\$100,068.00	\$125,816.00	\$25,750.00
1200 110	Special Education Teacher Salaries:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,426.20	\$8,426.20
1200 114 1	Special Education Clerk/Secretary:	\$65,134.00	\$46,179.00		\$56,575.64	\$53,232.00	\$73,607.56	\$20,375.56
1200 114 2	Special Education Teacher Aide Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$4,926.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1200 122	Substitute Spe Ed Teacher Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$302.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1200 123	Special Education Tutor Salaries:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1200 129	Special Education Summer School:	\$123,424.00	\$130,815.00		\$146,827.14	\$155,300.00	\$214,591.76	\$59,591.76
	TOTAL SALARIES:							
1200 200	BENEFITS:	\$23,819.00	\$12,423.42		\$6,870.30	\$10,907.00	\$19,533.52	\$8,626.52
1200 211 1	Health Insurance (Certified Staff):	\$0.00	\$11,955.53		\$13,602.61	\$12,172.00	\$28,788.22	\$16,616.22
1200 211 2	Health Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$364.00	\$613.61		\$522.04	\$618.00	\$1,012.38	\$394.39
1200 212	Dental Insurance:	\$221.00	\$342.67		\$310.49	\$318.00	\$423.36	\$105.36
1200 213	Life Insurance:	\$1,120.00	\$1,908.89		\$1,666.45	\$2,455.95	\$3,623.56	\$1,167.61
1200 222 1	Retirement (Certified Staff):	\$1,850.00	\$1,505.44		\$1,946.17	\$1,888.46	\$3,193.97	\$1,355.51
1200 222 2	Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$9,442.00	\$10,007.35		\$10,941.07	\$11,880.45	\$16,436.16	\$4,555.11
1200 230	P.T.C.A.:	\$36,816.00	\$38,756.91		\$37,179.95	\$40,169.87	\$73,011.18	\$32,821.31
	TOTAL BENEFITS:							
1200 310	OTHER EXPENSES:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1200 440	Contracted Services:	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:							
1200 500	SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION:	\$19,505.00	\$26,218.00		\$24,724.00	\$9,282.00	\$8,684.00	(\$608.00)
1200 561	Spe Ed Tuition-Other Public Schools:	\$203,243.00	\$64,533.00		\$124,565.00	\$106,866.00	\$125,555.00	\$18,689.00
1200 563	Spe Ed Tuition-Non-Public Schools:	\$0.00	\$89,463.00		\$91,017.00	\$88,709.00	\$108,957.00	\$20,248.00
1200 565	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION:	\$222,748.00	\$180,014.00		\$240,306.00	\$204,867.00	\$243,196.00	\$38,329.00

		1993-1994	1994-1995	1994-1995	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	Increase/ (Decrease):
		Approved:	Approved:	Expended:	Approved:	Approved:	Approved:	Proposed:	
1200	610								
1200	610 2	Art Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 5	Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
1200	610 8	Health-P.E. Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 11	Math Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
1200	610 12	Music Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 13	Science Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 15	Social Studies Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
1200	610 18-1	Consumable Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 18-2	General Supplies:	\$700.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$953.57	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
1200	610 18-3	A. V. Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
1200	610 19	Counseling Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 20	Centers-Reading Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 24	Transportation:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 25	Computer Supplies:	\$200.00	\$550.00	\$1,238.16	\$1,238.16	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$250.00
1200	610 26	Speech Supplies:	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$201.26	\$201.26	\$100.00	\$275.00	\$175.00
1200	610 26	Speech Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610 26	Speech Supplies:	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,392.99	\$500.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,925.00	\$1,475.00
1200	630								
1200	630	SPE ED CLASSROOM TEXTS:							
1200	630 1	Spe Ed Classroom Textbooks:	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$323.06	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$900.00	(\$500.00)
1200	630 2	Spe Ed Classroom Workbooks:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
1200	630 3	Spe Ed Classroom Supplemental Textbooks:	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$1,350.00	\$50.00	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
1200	630 4	Spe Ed Classroom Reference Books:	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$305.32	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$450.00	\$300.00
1200	630 4	Spe Ed Classroom Reference Books:	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$889.38	\$500.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,200.00	(\$200.00)
1200	640								
1200	640	Classroom Periodicals:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
1200	700								
1200	700	Equipment and Furniture:							
1200	741	New Equipment:	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$228.14	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
1200	742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
1200	751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$228.14	\$100.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
1200	810								
1200	810	Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200									
1200		TOTAL SPE EDU PROGRAMS:	\$384,985.00	\$351,785.91	\$349,398.43	\$423,592.41	\$404,206.87	\$536,933.94	\$132,727.07

School Administrative Unit #44		"Proposed" School Budget For FY 98					Increase/Decrease:	
		1993-1994 Approved:	1994-1995 Approved:	1994-1995 Expended:	1995-1996 Approved:	1996-1997 Approved:	1997-1998 Proposed:	
2120	GUIDANCE SERVICES:							
2120	Guidance Salaries:	\$45,216.00	\$44,922.00	\$47,622.00	\$47,022.60	\$47,622.60	\$48,222.60	\$600.00
2120	BENEFITS:							
2120	Health Insurance:	\$0.00	\$5,894.65	\$5,191.14	\$5,111.18	\$5,914.10	\$7,413.40	\$1,499.30
2120	Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$245.43	\$242.52	\$260.16	\$247.04	\$303.72	\$56.68
2120	Life Insurance:	\$0.00	\$137.08	\$126.29	\$144.00	\$127.01	\$127.01	\$0.00
2120	Retirement (Certified):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,142.65	\$1,157.23	\$1,388.81	\$231.58
2120	F.I.C.A.:	\$0.00	\$3,413.58	\$3,143.06	\$3,597.23	\$3,643.13	\$3,688.02	\$44.89
2120	Total Benefits:	\$0.00	\$9,690.75	\$8,703.03	\$10,255.22	\$11,088.51	\$12,921.96	\$1,833.46
2120	OTHER EXPENSES:							
2120	Contracted Services-Standardized Testing:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,226.70	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
2120	Guidance Supplies:	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$288.20	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$150.00
2120	Guidance Books:	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$340.90	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00)
2120	Guidance Periodicals:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2120	Guidance Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2120	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:	\$3,500.00	\$3,450.00	\$1,855.60	\$2,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,450.00	\$50.00
	TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES:	\$48,716.00	\$57,762.75	\$58,180.83	\$59,877.82	\$61,111.11	\$63,594.56	\$2,483.46

		1993-1994	1994-1995	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	Increase/ (Decrease):
2130	HEALTH SERVICES:							
2130	SALARIES:							
2130	Substitute Nurse's Salary:	\$26,335.00	\$20,224.00	\$20,160.85	\$22,085.00	\$22,637.00	\$23,429.00	\$792.00
2130	TOTAL SALARIES:	\$26,335.00	\$20,224.00	\$20,160.85	\$22,085.00	\$23,137.00	\$23,929.00	\$792.00
2130								
2130	BENEFITS:							
2130	Health Insurance:	\$0.00	\$2,599.03	\$2,057.36	\$1,855.92	\$2,147.42	\$2,691.84	\$544.42
2130	Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$204.54	\$202.08	\$217.00	\$205.88	\$253.10	\$47.22
2130	Life Insurance:	\$0.00	\$114.22	\$106.28	\$121.00	\$105.84	\$105.84	\$0.00
2130	Retirement:	\$0.00	\$487.17	\$395.14	\$545.82	\$550.08	\$674.76	\$124.68
2130	F.I.C.A.:	\$0.00	\$1,586.39	\$1,604.28	\$1,727.75	\$1,769.98	\$1,860.57	\$90.59
2130	Total Benefits:	\$0.00	\$4,976.34	\$4,365.14	\$4,470.49	\$4,776.20	\$5,156.11	\$770.91
2130								
2130	Contracted Services:							
2130	Contracted Services-Student Physicals:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	Contracted Services-Slaff Physicals:	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
2130	Contracted Services:	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2130	TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES:	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
2130								
2130	OTHER EXPENSES:							
2130	Supplies and Materials-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$659.04	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2130	Travel Expenses-Nurse:	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$100.00	(\$150.00)
2130	Health Supplies-Nurse:	\$650.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,384.50	\$200.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
2130	Health Textbooks-Nurse:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	Health Periodicals-Nurse:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:	\$1,000.00	\$1,350.00	\$2,043.54	\$550.00	\$1,100.00	\$950.00	(\$150.00)
2130								
2130	Equipment and Furniture:							
2130	New Equipment:	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
2130	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$974.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
2130	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	TOTAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE:	\$250.00	\$550.00	\$974.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
2130								
2130	Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130								
2130	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES:	\$28,785.00	\$29,994.34	\$27,753.33	\$27,805.49	\$29,216.20	\$31,260.11	\$2,043.91

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		1993-1994 Approved:	1994-1995 Approved:	1994-1995 Expended:	1995-1996 Approved:	1996-1997 Approved:	1987-1998 Proposed:	
2220								
2220	LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL MEDIA:							
2220	100 SALARIES:							
2220	112 Librarian-Salary: (Para-professional)	\$11,667.00	\$12,017.00	\$11,466.00	\$12,372.36	\$13,000.00	\$26,057.65	\$13,057.65
2220	122 Librarian Substitute-Salary:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
2220	TOTAL SALARIES-LIBRARIAN:	\$11,667.00	\$12,017.00	\$11,466.00	\$12,622.36	\$13,250.00	\$26,307.65	\$13,057.65
2220								
2220	LIBRARIAN: (Para-professional)							
2220	211 2 Health Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,177.84	\$6,177.84
2220	212 2 Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$253.10	\$253.10
2220	222 2 Retirement:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$105.84	\$105.84
2220	230 2 F.I.C.A.:	\$0.00	\$391.75	\$336.36	\$427.90	\$440.70	\$750.46	\$309.76
2220	Total Benefits:	\$0.00	\$919.30	\$918.94	\$965.61	\$1,013.63	\$2,012.54	\$988.91
2220		\$0.00	\$1,311.05	\$1,255.30	\$1,393.51	\$1,454.33	\$9,299.77	\$7,845.45
2220								
2220	OTHER EXPENSES:							
2220	310 Contracted Services-Computer Lease:	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$460.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
2220	610 11-2 Library General Supplies:	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$171.97	\$275.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,250.00
2220	610 11-3 Library A.V. Supplies:	\$215.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,950.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
2220	620 25 Computer Software Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00
2220	630 Library Periodicals:	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,382.95	\$2,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
2220	640 Library Periodicals:	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$936.45	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2220	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:	\$8,700.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,835.24	\$9,075.00	\$14,075.00	\$19,200.00	\$5,125.00
2220								
2220	Equipment and Furniture:							
2220	700 New Equipment:	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$435.23	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$100.00
2220	742 Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315.22	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
2220	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2220	752 Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2220	TOTAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE:	\$450.00	\$850.00	\$750.45	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$100.00
2220								
2220	TOTAL LIB & EDU MEDIA:	\$20,817.00	\$22,178.05	\$22,306.89	\$23,090.87	\$28,779.33	\$55,907.42	\$26,128.10
2220								
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2220								

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		1993-1994 Approved:	1994-1995 Approved:	1994-1995 Expended:	1995-1996 Approved:	1996-1997 Approved:	1997-1998 Proposed:	
2310								
2310	SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES:							
2310	110 1 School Board-Salaries:	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,300.00	\$400.00
2310	110 2 School District Moderator-Salary:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2310	110 3 School District Treasurer-Salary:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
2310	110 4 School District Clerk-Salary:	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
2310	110 5 School District Secretary-Salary:	\$680.00	\$680.00	\$680.00	\$1,008.92	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2310	Total Salaries:	\$4,430.00	\$4,430.00	\$5,088.92		\$4,750.00	\$5,150.00	\$400.00
	OTHER EXPENSES:							
2310	F.I.C.A.:	\$0.00	\$338.90	\$387.01	\$363.38	\$363.38	\$393.98	\$30.60
2310	Contracted Services-School District Audit:	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
2310	Contracted Services-Attorney & Negotiator:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
2310	Advertising-Legal Notices:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,260.94	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2310	Other Expenses:	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$242.06	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
2310	Dues and Fees-School Board's Association:	\$200.00	\$2,471.77	\$92.50	\$2,471.77	\$2,471.77	\$2,553.67	\$81.90
2310	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:	\$5,346.39	\$8,710.67	\$7,770.02	\$8,735.15	\$8,735.15	\$8,847.65	\$112.50
	TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES:	\$12,776.39	\$13,140.67	\$12,828.94	\$13,485.15	\$13,485.15	\$13,997.65	\$0.00
2320	EXPENSES-S.A.U. # 44:	\$103,900.65	\$105,290.99	\$105,290.99	\$100,355.18	\$116,492.90	\$111,957.28	(\$4,535.62)

2410		1993-1994	1994-1995	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	Increase/ (Decrease):
	OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:							
	COMPENSATION:							
2410	110 1	Principal's Salary:	\$50,514.00	\$52,028.66	\$53,569.73	\$55,198.00	\$57,188.00	\$2,000.00
2410	110 2	Assistant Principal:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$42,500.00	\$2,500.00
2410	110 4	Secretaries' Salary:	\$17,259.00	\$17,776.00	\$18,690.00	\$18,690.00	\$19,955.20	\$1,265.20
2410	110 5	Chief Secretary Aide:	\$11,288.00	\$11,616.60	\$12,136.00	\$12,272.00	\$13,583.00	\$1,311.00
	TOTAL COMPENSATION:	\$79,511.00	\$81,945.66	\$81,930.66	\$122,265.78	\$125,735.20	\$139,763.20	\$6,948.20
2410		BENEFITS:						
2410	211 1.1	Health Insurance (Principal):	\$0.00	\$7,017.43	\$5,554.72	\$5,522.04	\$7,268.04	\$1,746.00
2410	211 1.2	Health Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,010.96	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2410	211 2	Health Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$0.00	\$2,598.03	\$2,158.08	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
2410	212 1	Dental Insurance (Principal):	\$0.00	\$666.66	\$653.82	\$671.08	\$825.09	\$154.01
2410	212 1.2	Dental Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$706.65	\$205.88	\$253.10	\$47.22
2410	212 2	Dental Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	213 1.1	Life Insurance (Principal):	\$0.00	\$174.22	\$106.28	\$117.46	\$105.84	\$0.00
2410	213 1.2	Life Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117.46	\$105.84	\$105.84	\$0.00
2410	213 2	Life Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117.46	\$105.84	\$105.84	\$0.00
2410	222 1	Retirement (Principal):	\$0.00	\$1,201.87	\$1,019.80	\$1,341.31	\$1,647.30	\$305.99
2410	222 1.1	Retirement (Asst. Principal):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$923.40	\$572.00	\$1,224.00	\$252.00
2410	222 2	Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$0.00	\$975.29	\$834.46	\$1,040.60	\$1,376.24	\$307.14
2410	230	F.I.C.A.:	\$0.00	\$5,268.86	\$6,260.20	\$9,585.23	\$10,188.51	\$493.29
	TOTAL BENEFITS:	\$0.00	\$18,843.35	\$16,587.36	\$26,147.15	\$22,686.32	\$25,993.96	\$3,305.64
2410		OTHER EXPENSES:						
2410	310	Contracted Service:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,500.00)
2410	440	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,686.03	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
2410	520	Telephone:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
2410	532	Printing:	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,446.95	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2410	550	Postage:	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$794.50	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00
2410	560	Travel Expenses:	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$255.30	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
2410	610 18-2	Supplies and Forms:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,055.24	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
2410	610 25	Computer Software System Supplies:	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:	\$9,700.00	\$10,200.00	\$12,732.54	\$10,200.00	\$15,700.00	\$14,400.00	(\$1,300.00)
2410		Equipment and Furniture:						
2410	740	New Equipment:	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
2410	741	Replacement of Equipment:	\$1,200.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	742	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE:	\$1,300.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$4,100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
2410	810	Dues and Fees:	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
2410	890	Graduation-Class Day Expenses:	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:	\$91,921.00	\$113,089.22	\$113,055.40	\$164,232.84	\$167,273.32	\$175,977.16	\$6,703.84

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2540										
2540	OPERATION AND MAINT. OF PLANT:									
2540	Head Custodian's Salary:	\$18,200.00	\$18,746.00	\$18,740.80	\$19,303.02	\$20,268.00	\$21,259.20	\$991.20		
2540	Custodian-Salaries:	\$45,485.00	\$46,698.00	\$45,982.00	\$47,989.77	\$49,425.00	\$51,620.00	\$2,385.00		
2540	Substitute & Overtime Custodian-Salaries:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,692.37	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		
2540	TOTAL SALARIES:	\$65,185.00	\$66,944.00	\$67,415.17	\$68,792.79	\$71,193.00	\$74,379.20	\$3,386.40		
2540										
2540	BENEFITS:									
2540	Health Insurance:	\$0.00	\$12,475.34	\$10,358.49	\$8,908.41	\$10,307.90	\$13,921.12	\$3,613.22		
2540	Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2540	Life Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2540	Retirement:	\$0.00	\$2,131.52	\$1,829.28	\$2,332.08	\$2,362.59	\$3,003.58	\$640.99		
2540	F.I.C.A.:	\$0.00	\$5,116.63	\$4,973.65	\$5,262.65	\$5,446.26	\$5,705.35	\$259.09		
2540	TOTAL BENEFITS:	\$0.00	\$19,723.49	\$17,161.42	\$16,503.14	\$18,116.76	\$22,630.05	\$4,513.90		
2540										
2540	Contracted Services:									
2540	Contracted Service-Rubbish Removal:	\$3,350.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,816.98	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00		
2540	Snow Removal:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2540	Contracted Service-Sapic Tank Maintenance:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,287.31	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00		
2540	Contracted Service-Fire Alarm Service:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$910.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		
2540	Contracted Service-MasterClock & Intercom:	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		
2540	Slate Mandated-Water Testing:	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,725.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	(\$500.00)		
2540	Laundry & Dry Cleaning:	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$200.00		
2540	Care of Grounds:	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2540	Contracted Service-Basketball Equipment:	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2540	TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES:	\$9,550.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,739.29	\$13,740.00	\$10,300.00	\$10,500.00	\$200.00		
2540										
2540	Repairs and Maintenance:									
2540	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,320.00	\$0.00	(\$5,320.00)		
2540	Repairs and Maintenance-Heating Plant:	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,493.69	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00		
2540	Repairs and Maint-Equipment:	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$744.86	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		
2540	Repairs and Maint-Furniture & Fix.:	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$45.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		
2540	Repairs and Maint-Grounds:	\$400.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,796.46	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00		
2540	Repairs and Maint-Building:	\$500.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00		
2540	Repairs and Maint-Electrical:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2540	TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINT.:	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,933.59	\$14,000.00	\$21,320.00	\$17,500.00	(\$3,820.00)		

		1993-1994 Approved:	1994-1995 Approved:	1994-1995 Expended:	1995-1996 Approved:	1996-1997 Approved:	1997-1998 Proposed:	Increase/ (Decrease):
2550								
2550	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:							
2550	Elementary School Transportation:	\$193,041.00	\$194,643.00	\$194,643.00	\$167,580.00	\$168,840.00	\$180,180.00	\$11,340.00
2550	Vocational Transportation:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2550	Athletic Transportation:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,875.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
2550	High School Transportation:	\$41,844.00	\$41,844.60	\$41,844.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2550	Special Education Transportation:	\$90,000.00	\$98,392.16	\$98,392.16	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00
2550	Class-Field Trip Transportation:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2550	Co-Curricula:	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2550	Winter Activities:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
2550	TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:	\$328,385.00	\$359,487.60	\$337,004.76	\$294,580.00	\$296,340.00	\$306,680.00	\$10,340.00
2900	INSURANCES, COMPENSATION, RETIREMENT:							
2900	Life Insurance:	\$394.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2900	Health Insurance:	\$46,051.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	Dental Insurance:	\$1,616.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	Worker's Compensation:	\$1,000.00	\$19,490.00	\$10,562.72	\$19,490.00	\$19,490.00	\$19,490.00	\$0.00
2900	Unemployment Compensation:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5.99	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2900	Retirement (Certified Staff):	\$3,121.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$9,456.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	F.I.C.A.:	\$21,786.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	Other Expenses:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,789.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	TOTAL INSUR., COMP., RETIRE.:	\$97,118.00	\$20,490.00	\$10,568.71	\$22,279.64	\$20,590.00	\$20,590.00	\$0.00
4000	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION:							
4000	Purchase Of Modular Classroom:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5100	DEBT SERVICE:							
5100	Oil Tank Loan Pymt.:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5100	Payment of Principal:	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00
5100	Payment of Interest:	\$66,670.00	\$60,795.00	\$60,795.00	\$54,888.75	\$49,130.00	\$43,350.00	(\$5,780.00)
5100	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	\$156,670.00	\$150,795.00	\$150,795.00	\$139,888.75	\$134,130.00	\$128,350.00	(\$5,780.00)
5200	CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)

Budget Summary:		1993-1994	1994-1995	1994-1995	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	Increase/ (Decrease):
		Approved:	Approved:	Expended:	Approved:	Approved:	Proposed:	
1100	Regular Education Programs:	\$1,955,584.00	\$2,160,142.70	\$2,143,759.74	\$2,414,747.89	\$2,624,015.04	\$2,852,615.49	\$228,600.45
1200	Special Instructional Programs:	\$384,988.00	\$351,765.91	\$349,398.43	\$423,582.41	\$404,206.87	\$536,933.94	\$132,727.07
1300	Vocational Programs:	\$5,622.00	\$0.00	\$13,816.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400	Co-Curricular Activities:	\$17,340.95	\$15,537.95	\$17,135.06	\$16,337.95	\$17,488.00	\$22,049.63	\$4,561.63
2100	Attendance:	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
2110	Guidance:	\$29,700.00	\$57,780.93	\$59,780.93	\$59,878.82	\$61,118.11	\$63,358.36	\$2,049.91
2120	Health:	\$29,705.00	\$21,962.33	\$21,962.33	\$27,066.70	\$29,216.70	\$31,280.00	\$2,049.91
2130	Physical Education:	\$20,179.00	\$22,918.00	\$27,196.95	\$24,554.00	\$25,733.00	\$42,700.93	\$16,967.93
2140	Speech Contracted Services:	\$35,691.00	\$44,387.14	\$46,711.57	\$45,185.85	\$48,012.02	\$51,645.80	\$3,633.78
2150	Speech Services:	\$12,900.00	\$18,600.00	\$12,771.51	\$22,840.00	\$23,800.00	\$23,860.00	\$60.00
2210	Improvement of Instruction:	\$20,817.00	\$22,178.05	\$22,306.99	\$23,090.87	\$29,779.33	\$55,907.42	\$26,128.10
2220	Library and Educational Media:	\$12,776.39	\$13,140.67	\$12,828.94	\$13,485.15	\$13,485.15	\$13,997.65	\$512.50
2310	School Board Services:	\$103,900.65	\$105,290.99	\$105,290.99	\$100,365.18	\$116,492.90	\$111,957.28	(\$4,635.62)
2320	Expenses - S.A.U. # 44:	\$91,921.00	\$113,089.22	\$113,058.40	\$164,232.94	\$167,273.32	\$175,977.16	\$8,703.84
2410	Office of The Principal:	\$18,296.00	\$26,534.71	\$23,267.65	\$23,267.65	\$24,758.00	\$32,896.58	\$8,138.58
2520	Operation and Maintenance of Plant:	\$194,960.11	\$203,622.60	\$190,571.11	\$190,561.04	\$216,294.76	\$207,374.85	(\$8,919.90)
2540	Pupil Transportation Services:	\$328,385.00	\$359,487.60	\$337,004.76	\$294,560.00	\$296,340.00	\$306,660.00	\$10,340.00
2560	Insurance, Compensation, Retirement:	\$100,816.00	\$20,448.00	\$100,816.00	\$10,068.71	\$20,158.00	\$20,158.00	\$0.00
4000	Fuel, Concessions:	\$156,870.00	\$150,795.00	\$150,795.00	\$139,888.75	\$134,130.00	\$128,350.00	(\$5,780.00)
5100	Debt Service:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)
5200	Capital Reserve Fund:	\$3,529,650.10	\$3,714,757.63	\$3,662,566.57	\$4,017,672.62	\$4,262,725.69	\$4,678,641.40	\$415,915.71
								9.7570%

School Administrative Unit #44		"Proposed" School Budget For FY 98							
		1993-1994 Approved:	1994-1995 Approved:	1994-1995 Expended:	1995-1996 Approved:	1996-1997 Approved:	1997-1998 Proposed:	Increase/ (Decrease):	
Food Service Program:									
2560	Salaries-Food Service Director:		\$39,202.10	\$43,550.43	\$39,202.10	\$43,102.45	\$20,683.30	(\$22,419.15)	
2560	Salaries-Food Service Workers:	\$38,529.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,799.30	\$22,799.30	
2560	TOTAL SALARIES:	\$38,529.00	\$39,202.10	\$43,550.43	\$39,202.10	\$43,102.45	\$43,482.60	\$380.15	
2560	Health	\$0.00	\$2,599.03	\$2,599.03	\$2,599.03	\$1,855.92	\$2,691.84	\$835.92	
2560	Retirement	\$0.00	\$607.01	\$607.01	\$607.01	\$667.26	\$850.08	\$182.82	
2560	FICA	\$2,947.00	\$2,998.96	\$3,331.61	\$2,998.96	\$3,297.34	\$3,326.42	\$29.08	
2560	Education	\$0.00	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
2560	Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
2560	Transportation	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
2560	Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
2560	Supplies	\$569.00	\$1,981.60	\$1,981.60	\$1,981.60	\$1,000.40	\$1,000.40	\$0.00	
2560	Uniforms	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2560	Food/Milk	\$36,058.00	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	
2560	Equipment	\$400.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,943.38	\$1,943.38	\$0.00	
2560	Misc.:	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Food Service:		\$80,023.00	\$100,226.70	\$104,907.68	\$100,226.70	\$104,566.75	\$106,494.72	\$1,927.97	
								1.8438%	

School Administrative Unit #44		"Proposed" School Budget For FY 98					Increase/ (Decrease):
		1993-1994 Approved:	1994-1995 Approved:	1994-1995 Expended:	1995-1996 Approved:	1996-1997 Approved:	
Warrant Articles From March, 1993:							
Warrant Article:	(Place Funds in Capital Reserve Account.)	\$10,000.00					
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES:		\$10,000.00					
SUMMARY:							
FY 94:							
	Operating Budget:	\$3,529,850.10					
	Food Service Program:	\$80,023.00					
	Warrant Articles:	\$10,000.00					
	TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1993 - 1994:	\$3,619,873.10					

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO. 44
1996-1997
DISTRICT SHARE OF SAU BUDGET

District	1994 Equalized Valuation	Valuation %	93-94 Pupils	Pupils %	Combined %	96-97 District Share
Northwood	163,724,037	35.18	440.5	33.79	68.98	114,459.11
Nottingham	143,960,197	30.94	389.6	29.89	60.82	100,931.81
Strafford	157,647,509	33.88	473.5	36.32	70.20	116,492.90
TOTAL	465,331,743	100.00	1303.6	100.00	200.00	331,883.82

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO. 44
1996-1997
SALARIES

Superintendent of Schools	\$65,563.62
Special Education Director	\$45,000.00

MINUTES STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 20, 1996

Dr. Alfred Olson introduced the head table as follows: Corinne DiVirgilio; School District Clerk, Gary Broadbent; School Board Member, Bruce Patrick; School Board Member, Steve Leighton; School Board Member Elect, Paul Campelia; Special Ed Coordinator, Dr. George Reid; Superintendent, Richard Jenisch; Principal, Dan Baker, Assistant Principal, Gary Bearse; Business Administrator SAU.

Mrs. Corinne DiVirgilio began the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by announcing that the first thing to be done this evening is to decide who will serve as our moderator for this meeting. Last Tuesday, Jack Dolan was elected by write in votes to the moderator's position, but State Law provides that his term begins when this meeting is adjourned. In the meantime, our previous moderator has resigned as he has moved out of town. Until this temporary vacancy is filled, State Law also provides that the school district clerk must serve as moderator, and that is why I am addressing you. To fill this temporary vacancy, we need to nominate and vote on someone to serve as school district moderator for this one meeting.

Mr. William Lord nominated Jack Dolan, seconded by Mr. Broadbent.

Mrs. DiVirgilio called a vote, the vote was in the affirmative.

Mr. Dolan explained the procedure he would like to follow this evening, to keep the meeting moving in an orderly and fair manner and to insure that incures he will read each article and it will be considered properly before you as it's read, there won't be a need to move and second each article. The exception to that will be the operating budget article because that requires a number to be plugged in. Motions to amend will be handled one at a time, a second will be required on these other than warrant articles as read.

Mr. Dolan asked the voters "Do you want to stick with the traditional 2/3's vote to pass a motion to end debate on an issue, or do you want to go with a simple majority?"

The vote was to retain the 2/3's requirement for moving a question.

The Moderator advanced ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

There were no votes.

The vote to move on carried.

The Moderator advanced ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Patrick moved the sum of \$4,328,352.43, seconded by Dr. Olson.

Question was raised as to whether it is the intention that this be exclusive or inclusive of other warrant articles.

Mr. Patrick moved that Article 2 be amended to be read that the \$4,328,352.43 not include warrant articles. The motion was seconded.

The Moderator advanced the amendment.

The vote was in the affirmative. Discussion followed.

Mr. Irving Johnson proposed that \$200,000.00 be cut, seconded by Ms. Rolande Merz. Lengthy discussion followed.

Questions were raised regarding the \$75,000.00 cut from last year.

Mr. Broadbent explained that the Board took \$70,000.00 from the 1994-1995 school year and spent it based on the \$75,000.00 cut from the 1995-96 school year.

Questions were raised as to where the budget would be cut.

The Board explained that there are some areas that cannot be touched, such as tuition and transportation.

Transportation for the Winter Activity program was raised.

Mrs. Sandy Schwab commented strongly that she feels it is the responsibility of the parents to provide activities such as roller-skating, bowling etc. not the schools.

Strong opinions were expressed concerning the SAU budget. Questions were raised as to why the budget has not gone down.

The Board explained that with Barrington gone there is a three way split now instead of four.

Dr. Reid explained why Barrington split from the SAU and what their costs will reflect.

Mr. Eric Rowe motioned to move the question. Seconded.

The Moderator took a vote to move the question as to whether to amend the proposed appropriation for the operating budget down by \$200,000.00.

The motion was defeated.

Mr. Michael Harrington asked to amend to reduce the budget by \$56,000.00 which is the salary of the Technology Director \$26,000.00 and \$30,000.00

The motion was seconded.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion was made to move the question, it was seconded.

The Moderator took a vote to move the question ending debate.

The motion carried.

The Moderator moved the motion to decrease the budget by \$56,000.00

The opposition has it.

The Moderator moved Warrant Article 2 without any amendments.

Mr. Eric Rowe motioned to move the question, it was seconded.

The Moderator took a vote to move to the vote on Article 2.

The motion carried.

The Moderator advanced Article 2: To see whether the School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,328,352.43 for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

The motion carried.

The Moderator advanced ARTICLE 3: To see if the Strafford School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Strafford School Board and the Strafford Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: For the year 1996-97 estimated increases of \$23,620.00, 97-98 estimated increase of \$28,985.00, for the year 98-99 estimated increase of \$42,862.00 and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand, six hundred twenty dollars (\$23,620.) for the 1996-1997 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those appropriated for 1995-96 at the annual district meeting. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Questions and debate was raised as to the total cost of the three years. Discussion followed.

The Moderator clarified, we have just appropriated in Article 2 a certain sum for the operating budget, we're now being asked in Article 3 to approve a contract and fund the first of that contract to the tune of \$23,620.00 over the amount the district appropriated in Article 2.

Lengthy discussion followed.

The Moderator explained you'd be doing essentially two things with this if you pass this, the first thing is you'd be creating a binding three year obligation for the district. You would have to fund the first year of that obligation this year and that's the \$23,620.00 figure. You would be committing yourself though to funding those additional amounts. So if all things stay equal next year you would have an operating budget of what we approved in Article 2 plus \$23,620.00 plus \$28,985.00 next year. The following year you would have that resulting amount then increased by \$42,862.00 again all things staying equal and everything else.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Harrington stated that the teachers are the bottom line when it comes to educating our students and he recommends this pass as written.

Mr. Carl Hall suggested an amendment.

The Moderator explained that if there is an amendment then it goes back to bargaining.

A motion was made, and seconded to move the question.

The Moderator called for a vote.

The vote passes.

The Moderator advanced Article 3 as read and as written.

The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator advanced ARTICLE 4: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$5,320.00) for repairs to the modular unit. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Broadbent explained the problems in the modular unit.

The Moderator called for a vote.

The vote carried.

The Moderator advanced warrant ARTICLE 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the undesignated fund balance as of 30 June 1996. Said sum of money to be deposited in the School District Capital Reserve Fund entitled: Capital Improvements/New Construction for the School District, in accord with provisions of RSA Ch. 35. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Dr. Olson moved that the school vote to raise the sum of \$10,000.00.

Mr. Harrington motioned to amend the Article to \$20,000.00

There was no second to the motion.

The motion failed.

The Moderator re-read the Article: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 from the undesignated fund of 30 June 1996. Said sum of money to be deposited in the School District Capital Reserve Fund entitled: Capital Improvements/New Construction for the School District, in accord with the provisions of RSA Ch. 35.

A vote was taken.

The vote was affirmative.

The Moderator advanced ARTICLE 6: Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?

Discussion followed.

A vote was taken.

The vote was affirmative.

The Moderator advanced ARTICLE 7: To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Mrs. Bertha Huckins asked about the SAU Committee and said that she would like to see it reinstated.

Dr. Olson discussed the SAU Committee and explained that it still exists.

Mr. Waldron asked if sealing had been finished.

Mr. Broadbent explained that there was a water retention problem that is being taken care of by the contractor.

The Moderator announced that if there is no motion to appoint a committee or agent than he would like to table the article.

A vote was taken to table Article 7.

The vote was affirmative.

The Moderator advanced ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Mr. Broadbent thanked the voters and school staff for putting their trust in him and has enjoyed serving on the school board for two years.

Mr. Patrick presented on behalf of the school board a plaque in memory of Irene Scribner to be placed in the library.

Ms. Merz asked why this meeting was hastily changed.

Mr. Broadbent explained that the teachers contract was included in the budget and was screwed up. The Board thought that it would be fair to move the meeting date so the Board could post the Warrant Article.

The Board explained that advertising was done as much as possible and the meeting had to be held in March.

Mr. Jenisch informed everyone that the meeting change was posted in all the stores, all the post offices, parent newsletters were sent home, posted at the town office, posted at the school.

Dr. Ried explained that the original meeting of March 5th was posted in all the proper places and that there was a crunch on the time. We did re-post it on March 5th. WTSN carried the story of the re-posting of the meeting place, they had promotions on their station all day today.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting.

Mr. Bill Lord motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:57 P.M.

Respectively submitted,
Corinne DiVirgilio,
School District Clerk, pro tem

THE CLASS OF 1996 STRAFFORD SCHOOL

Michael R. Arnold
 Rebecca Lynne Andersen
 Thomas Peter Barnes
 Jeffrey Aaron Bartosiewicz
 Michael Alan Boles, Jr.
 Aaron Michael Bounds
 Angela Courtney Brown
 Iesha A. Burnell
 Lindsey D. Cassidy
 Jessica Lynne Clark
 James C. Cox IV
 Michelle D.J. Daigle
 Lisa A. Davis
 Jamie Lee Dube
 Sarah Jean Dunning
 Kristen Freda
 Philip Gosselin
 Timothy P. Greenlaw
 Corey Lee Gunther
 Molly Alicia Gustafson
 Russell R. Hall III
 Bryan W. Hamilton
 Jason C. Hastings
 Jason Bub Hebert
 Matthew P. Henderson
 Christopher D. Hillsgrove
 Derek J. Hodgdon
 Jamie Lee Howard
 Kenneth M. Kleczek, Jr.
 Joshua L. Kuntz
 Nicholas W. LaFlamme

Nolan Wilson Lauze
 Kendra J. Leighton
 Stephen James Linteau
 Laurie Johannah Liskow
 James Joseph MacNevin
 Paul Jason McKinley
 Harold A. Miner III
 Kendra Moniz
 Julie Ann Morgridge
 Abby Ann Moore
 Jarek Mountain
 Tracey S. Nabstedt
 Lindsey Marie Nickless
 Jesse Tyler O'Brien
 Rianna Ouellette
 Sean B. Payne
 Wayne Glenn Pierce
 Richard Paul Prato
 Mahgan Quigley
 Sandra Lynn Reynolds
 Shannon H. Rogers
 Jane Lyden Rousseau
 Dana Marie Rowe
 Nichole Ann Rybicki
 Bradford Ray Sargent
 Jennifer Gwen Schafran
 Abrah Ann Smith
 Jason G. Tremblay
 Taylor G. Tremblay
 Frank J. Wierszchalek II
 Kira Lisa Wozmak

***In Loving Memory
 of
 Nathaniel "TANO" Reynolds***

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date	Name of Child	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
01/08/96	Peter Paul Slowik	Portsmouth	Peter J. Slowik	Teresa L. Beames
01/17/96	Cassandra Jane Bates	Concord	Andrew W. Bates	Sherry D. Sourdiff
02/11/96	Kayla Ann Dufour	Portsmouth	Robert P. Dufour	Jessica S. Hildebeitel
02/14/96	Breanna Victoria-O'Brien Riley	Rochester	Brian V. Riley	Mary E. O'Brien
02/17/96	Reno J. Lapanne	Rochester	Rene J. Lapanne	Catherine Gonther
03/18/96	Kali Ann Miles	Dover	Edward A. Miles	Maria L. Creteau
04/23/96	Jordan Leighton Shurtliff	Exeter	Eric C. Shurtliff	Lisa A. Peverley
05/20/96	Elena Bess Smith	Manchester	Stephen H. Smith	Mary S. Wilcox
06/04/96	Kelly Maurine Taplin	Dover	Kenneth L. Taplin	Cynthia A. Dubois
07/09/96	Taylor Shelby Pitre	Wolfeboro	Christopher G. Pitre	Sunna L. Buckle
07/15/96	William Hunter Ballou	Portsmouth	Robert C. Ballou	Debra J. Black
07/25/96	Desiree Jeannette Lapanne	Dover	Douglas R. Lapanne	Dawn M. Drolet
07/25/96	Morgan Marie Champagne	Portsmouth	David N. Champagne	Stacy A. Hager
07/27/96	Hunter Dunn Wilkinson	Concord	Mark A. Wilkinson	Alison A. Dunn
08/11/96	Benjamin Robert Butcher	Portsmouth	Daniel C. Butcher	Rebecca L. Swartz
08/13/96	Ca Leb Chamberlain	Rochester	Brian Chamberlain	Maria L. Luna
08/16/96	Walker John Boles	Dover	Michael A. Boles, Sr.	Robin J. Sullivan
08/29/96	Alexander Lee Prevatt	Dover	Terry L. Prevatt	Janet L. Chasse
08/29/96	Hannah Lee Heselton	Concord	Gary R. Heselton	Lisa A. Colwell
09/06/96	Andrew Dylan Woodward	Concord	Steven D. Woodward	Jane C. Neumann
09/26/96	Emily Elizabeth Garcia	Dover	Robert C. Garcia	Regina M. Collins
10/11/96	Meaghan Patricia Mitchell	Portsmouth	Timothy J. Mitchell	Susan E. Kugelmann
10/18/96	Cameron Peter Whitehouse	Portsmouth	Scott E. Whitehouse	Tammy J. Osgood
10/22/96	Jacob Clyde Milinder Mechaber	Concord	Richard A. Mechaber	Leann L. Milinder
10/23/96	Scott Rain Hermenau	Portsmouth	Bruce P. Hermenau	Susan R. Scott
12/04/96	Bryan Charles Ekstrom	Portsmouth	David Bryan Ekstrom	Louann Burnham
12/06/96	Katheryn Elizabeth Huckins	Concord	Matthew W. Huckins	Anne E. Mitchell
12/10/96	Connor James Tasker	Concord	Roscoe W. Tasker, Jr.	Gail J. Bunnell

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
03/01/94	Frederic B. Biederman	Rochester	Unknown	Unknown
01/19/96	Marie S. Rivard	Manchester	Richard Jolicoeur	Alice Cote
01/28/96	Jeannette Martin	Strafford	George M. Colburn	Olive J. Uran
03/13/96	Peter Rossetti	Rochester	John Rossetti	Bernadina Rosato
06/14/96	Thelma G. Goodwin	Strafford	Edward Murray	Cynthia Sears
07/09/96	Robert Chamberlain Davis	Rochester	Harry Davis	Alice Chamberlain
09/19/96	James A. O'Rourke	Strafford	James A. O'Rourke, Sr.	Mary Lucey
10/07/96	Louise M. Hall	Strafford	James J. Morrison	Sara E. Johnson
10/25/96	Michael Thomas Anderson	Concord	Paul Anderson	Jeanne Deshaies
10/31/96	Lyndall Clark	Strafford	Herbert Clark	Lyndall Perkins
11/24/96	Francis Herbert Tasker	Strafford	Harold F. Tasker	Mary Wheeler
12/11/96	Roland L. Mountain	Strafford	Orie J. Mountain	Elva L. Bunker
12/10/96	Viva Belle Chadbourn	Strafford	Wilson Caverly	Esther Hanson

MARRIAGES RESISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
04/20/96	Travis John Pelletier	Strafford	Heather Lynn Hotchkiss	Strafford
04/20/96	Gregory Mack	Epsom	Lynn Caren Carr	Strafford
04/23/96	Stephen Haynes Smith	Strafford	Mary Susan Wilcox	Strafford
05/03/96	Douglas Roger Lapanne	Strafford	Dawn Marie Drolet	Strafford
05/18/96	Jason Michael Ramsey	Strafford	Laury Ann King	Strafford
06/15/96	Christopher Robin Neese	Mastic, NY	Kelly Scribner	Strafford
07/27/96	Ronald James Siderchuck	Strafford	Roberta Rita Clark	Strafford
08/10/96	Robert Antonio Lagrassa	Strafford	Betty Ann Sousa	Strafford
08/10/96	Chad Andrew Frank	Strafford	Michelle Ann Gilbert	Strafford
08/18/96	Michael John Molloy	Manchester	Patricia Ann Smith	Hudson, FL
09/01/96	Peter Mark Berube	Strafford	Lena Rachel Butler	Strafford
09/13/96	Roger Paul Allaire	Derry	Corinne Rose Klemmer	Strafford
09/14/96	John William Keefe	Strafford	Margaret Ann Rybicki	Strafford
09/28/96	John Everett Norton	Salt Lake City, UT	Kathleen Ann O'Neil	Salt Lake City, UT
10/05/96	Terrance Donell Baker	Strafford	Dawn Ann Rouse	Strafford
10/08/96	John Simon Hussey, Jr.	Strafford	Patricia Drouin	Dover
10/19/96	Kevin Alen Dean	Strafford	Kim Marie Sloat	Strafford
10/19/96	Steven Radwan	Strafford	Jayne B. Westover	Strafford
11/11/96	Edward Robert Fabian, III	Strafford	Leslie Ann Lamphier	Strafford

